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Holmes  
cheerleaders and  
Bully participate in  
the Cruisin' for a  
Cure rally at the  
Attala Center.



1. Sam Williams and Hannah Reeves stop for a photo during Ridgeland Campus fall registration.
2. Adult education students Tra'Keria Williams and Jarett Taylor pose with their diplomas in Goodman.
3. Lindsey McLellan shows off her skills during the PTK Soft Skills Workshop as Kendall Preston looks on.
4. India Jones, Holley Yates and Xeric Watson welcome students to the Ridgeland Campus.
5. Grenada student Prashaunda West is all smiles as she waits on her next class to start.

# CAMPUS news



A historical women's soccer season. A library renovation grant. A new building acquisition. New partnerships. The list goes on...Holmes Community College is always advancing and growing!



# CAMPUS NEWS

# Dr. Jim Haffey



technical education programs.

In other exciting news, Dr. Haffey had the honor of celebrating alongside the college as the Lady Bulldogs soccer team captured the team's first ever MACJC State Championship as well as the Region XXIII Championship title.

Holmes has continued growing, as well: the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of a 7,000 square foot health club in Kosciusko. Dr. Haffey's goal is to continue looking for other strong, existing health facilities throughout the college's district to acquire with an end goal of having local facilities in the cities to employ local workers and students while being profitable.

McMorrough Library on the Goodman Campus will be undergoing major renovations, as well, thanks to a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grant. The NEH grant will provide the Development Foundation with \$231,849, and the Development Foundation will be responsible for matching these funds through donations. The five-year plan is to renovate the 1975 structure's interior spaces and their contents. The new multidimensional spaces projected by the McMorrough Library and Archives Renovation Project will advance the library to become an innovative

Holmes County native Dr. Jim Haffey is the ninth president of Holmes Community College. Over the tenure of his presidency, he has been instrumental in the growth of the college. During the 2019-20 school year, he signed a memorandum of understanding with Mississippi State University to formalize partnership programs for students enrolled in

leader among Mississippi's 15 community college libraries. Additionally, the Development Foundation also launched a new opportunity for Mississippi residents, especially alumni, employees and friends to show their support of Holmes with a specialty car tag.

"Whether we are celebrating our women's soccer team winning its first state championship or leading Mississippi to embrace all technical credits for transfer, it has a common theme: Holmes provides an affordable, friendly environment for all Mississippians to learn and achieve at a very high level, and ultimately change their lives for the better," Dr. Haffey said.

Other major accolades during the tenure of his presidency include: the celebration of Holmes' 90th anniversary, the opening of the new location in Yazoo City, the opening of the Attala Center in Kosciusko and the purchase of the former Fitness Lady as well as prime I-55 highway access in Ridgeland. Holmes has also undergone a number of updates and renovations on each campus, including beautiful new campus signs, walking tracks, updated restrooms and an arboretum and updated patio in Grenada.

Frank Branch Coliseum in Goodman underwent major renovation, and now has a new look to the court and a completely re-designed entrance. The soccer stadium in Ridgeland has new signage, as well.

Holmes also became the first community college in the nation to offer PSY 2543-Applied Behavior Analysis, an online course that counts toward the 40 hours of training needed to apply for the Registered Behavior Technician credential. In 2018, Holmes set up a partnership with Ingalls Shipbuilding, as well, to offer new training.

A '97 Holmes alumnus, Dr. Haffey is an active member of the community. He serves as legislative co-chair of the MACJC and is a member of the Central Holmes Christian School Board. He is an outdoor enthusiast and avid golfer, as well. He and his wife, Rae Anne, a pharmacist at Howell and Heggie Drug co. in Durant, have two children: Hayley and Hudson, both of whom attend Central Holmes Christian School in Lexington.



# Renovations

The Grenada Campus completed their courtyard addition to the outdoor space next to the Campus Grill.

The courtyard now provides a place for students and faculty to go to enjoy the outdoor air during their down time. The empty space has been there since the buildings were built in the 1980s. Grenada Campus Vice President Dr. Michelle Burney wanted to make use of the space in a productive way.

"We wanted to do something creative with the dead space in the heart of the campus and this idea provided several solutions to things our campus needed," Burney said.

The outdoor space is fully covered with a custom wood ceiling pavilion supported by western cedar beams. The outdoor space is well lit with recessed lighting. The landscaping and other elements such as iron picnic tables really make the once-dull grassy spot a lavish place to be on a beautiful day.

No matter what the weather, the area can be used because they have fans for warm days and the area is well isolated to provide a cozy place out of the winter winds.



Pictured are (left to right) James Willis, Madison Davis, Braden Migliore and Ashlee Hankins enjoying Grenada's new patio.



Jeffrey Cotten and students in the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) & Refrigeration Technology program on the Goodman Campus helped install new heat and air-conditioning units in the new maintenance building on the Goodman Campus.



All across the district Holmes buildings underwent renovations, including the restrooms. Here is one of the women's restrooms on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus.

# & additions



The Holmes Board of Trustees approved the purchase of a 7,000 square foot health club on Highway 12 in Kosciusko. It is the former Swoll's gym location.

The college's strategy in purchasing this is to maintain a visible presence in the local community, and afford Holmes students, employees and community the ability to work out. Holmes plans to continue charging membership fees to the community, and using the estimated profits to maintain excellent equipment and hire friendly staff without costing the college funds. The college's goal is to continue looking for other strong, existing health facilities throughout Holmes' district to acquire. The end goal is to have local facilities in the college's cities that can showcase Holmes' standards and employ local workers and students while being profitable.

Holmes Community College Development Foundation, Inc. has been named as one of the 2020 grant recipients selected by National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grant on behalf of the McMorrough Library and Archives. The Holmes Development Foundation sought the NEH matching grant to strengthen and aid the library in warranting excellent humanities provisions.

The NEH grant will provide the Development Foundation with \$231,849, and the Development Foundation will be responsible for matching these funds through donations.



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT  
FOR THE HUMANITIES

# Holmes introduces HCC car tags



Posing with their Holmes car tags are Holmes employees (front, left to right) Dr. Amy Whittington and Stephanie Wood with (back, left to right) Morgan Bondurant and Bronwyn Martin.

Holmes Community College Development Foundation has launched a new opportunity for Mississippi residents, especially alumni, employees and friends to show their support of Holmes through their daily travels. Holmes is the only community college in the state of Mississippi with a specialty car tag. Danny Chandler, a 1989 Holmes alumnus and member of the Legacy Club, suggested Holmes partner with the Mississippi Tax Commission to promote the college and raise funds simultaneously by establishing an official HCC specialty license plate.

"In a difficult economy where so many worthy charities are competing for the same dollars, the Holmes CC specialty tag is a way of receiving passive income for the school, while at the same time allowing students, faculty and staff to show Bulldog (Go Dogs!) pride," Chandler said. "Holmes graduates are dispersed throughout Mississippi. The tag will be a way of identifying our extended family more easily. The truth is, there really is 'No place like Holmes.'"

The specialty license has a clean, simple design that clearly highlights the Holmes brand and includes the college's prominent catchphrase "No Place Like Holmes." Tags are

numbered as they are purchased. The cost of the tag is \$53 plus the cost of your regular tag in the county in which you live and each has a mailing fee and convenience fee when running a debit card. After the first year, the cost is \$10 to renew your tag plus your normal cost. Once the tag is purchased, the Holmes Community College Development Foundation, Inc. will receive \$32.50.

"The money generated from the Holmes license plates will help the foundation ensure the ongoing success of its many efforts of support," said Dr. Lindy McCain, vice president of institutional research and student affairs and executive director of the HCC Development Foundation.

The HCC Development Foundation was established more than 45 years ago to represent the nine-county district the college serves. Its purpose is to provide funds for scholarships for students attending Holmes as well as provide funds to support educational activities of the college and sponsorship of capital improvement campaigns.

"The Holmes license plates are a great way to show Bulldog pride everywhere you go and at the same time help support Holmes," said Coordinator of Alumni Affairs Katherine Ellard.

For more information on how specialty tags work, please visit the Department of Revenue webpage at <https://www.dor.ms.gov/TagsTitles/Pages/License-Plates.aspx>.

# HOMES CELEBRATES WEAR RED DAY



Pictured are some Grenada Campus employees wearing their Red for American Heart Association's National Wear Red Day on Feb. 7.



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Pictured is (far left) PR Specialist/Journalism Instructor Mary Margaret Busby with journalism students (left to right) Arcadia Smith, Anna Rose Myrick, De' Nautis Liddell, Tiara LeFlore, Aurora Sant'Angelo, Kaitlyn Anderson, Joliyah Daughtry and Angel Sawyer on Wear Red Day. They represented Holmes and AHA Wear Red Day at the O.C. McDavid Journalism Summit.



Pictured are some Ridgeland Campus employees wearing their Red for American Heart Association's National Wear Red Day on Feb. 7.

# Lady Bulldogs soccer makes school history

The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs were on a roll this year, making it to the NJCAA Gulf South District Championship for the first time in the college's history. Although the No.

14 Lady Bulldogs fell 7-1 to No. 3 Tyler Junior College in the District Championship, they finished the record-breaking season 18-3 overall and captured the team's first MACJC State Championship and Region XXIII Championship along the way. Following the match against Louisiana State University - Eunice that made the Lady Bulldogs Region XXIII champs, Head Coach Matt Convertino was named Coach of the Year, as well. This was also the team's fourth North Division Championship in a row.



Mackenzie Thompson passes the ball to Cariel Ellis, ending in a point for the Bulldogs in the NJCAA Gulf South District Championship Game against Tyler Junior College on Nov. 9.



Holmes got on the scoreboard in the NJCAA Gulf South District Championship Game against Tyler Junior College thanks to freshman forward Cariel Ellis.



Cameron Gladney takes over the ball during the NJCAA Gulf South District Championship Game against Tyler Junior College on Nov. 9.



Zoe Ellis goes all out to help the Lady Bulldogs win the college's first MACJC Championship with a 3-1 win over the Itawamba Community College Lady Indians on Oct. 29.



The Lady Bulldogs are all smiles after their 1-0 victory over LSU-Eunice makes them the 2019 Region XXIII Champions on Nov. 2.



Ja'Laysia Brown gives her all in the match against LSU-Eunice on Nov. 2.



Carly Williams makes an awesome save in the match against Itawamba Community College that led to their MACJC State Champions title.



Zoe Ellis, Cariel Ellis and Ja'Laysia Brown celebrate after a goal is scored on the Itawamba Community College Lady Indians in the MACJC Championship match on Oct. 29.



Halleigh Steed gives her all as the Lady Bulldogs take on Itawamba Community College in the MACJC Championship match on Oct. 29.

## The Lady Bulldogs celebrate as their 3-1 win over Itawamba Community College on Oct. 29 makes them the college's first ever MACJC Champions.



Peyton Montgomery gives her all in the match against Itawamba Community College on Oct. 29.



Isabella Wade is focused in the MACJC Championship match against Itawamba Community College that ended with a Bulldog victory.

(left to right) Head Soccer Coach Matt Convertino, MACJC Commissioner Steve Martin, Women's Associate Head Coach Wesley Noble and Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey stop for a photo after the presentation of the MACJC Championship plaque on Oct. 29 at Hinds Community College.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

Holmes Community College encourages its students to become well-rounded citizens who contribute to society and make a difference in their local communities. Multiple student organizations/teams made a difference in various ways throughout the school year. Here is just a snapshot of what they did.



**Left:** The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus SkillsUSA chapter, in collaboration with the Ridgeland Fire Department, collected Christmas gifts for Sunnybrook Children's Home and delivered them on Dec. 10.

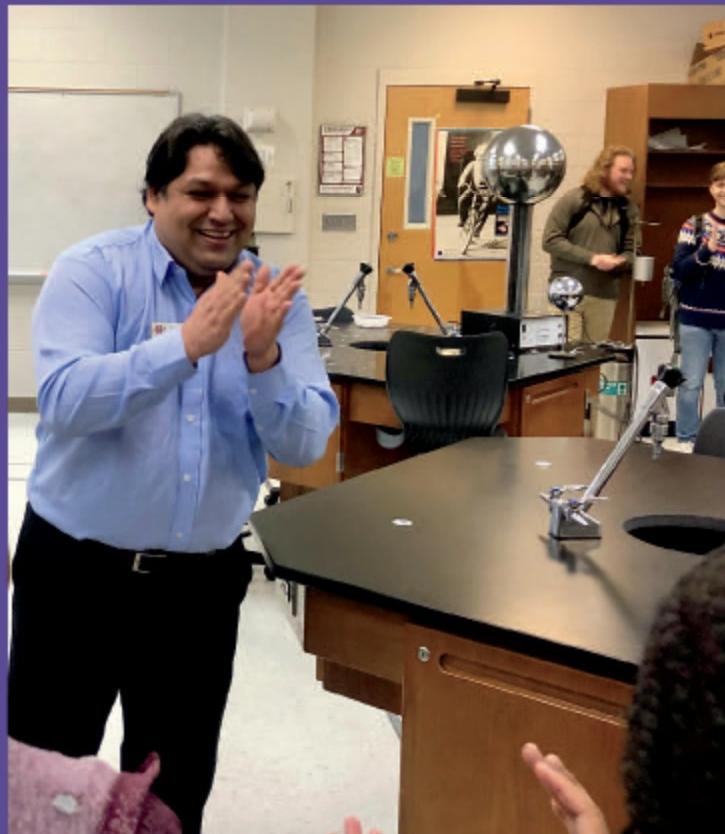
**Below:** The Holmes Community College Practical Nursing Department at the Attala Center joined with the Kosciusko Exchange Club to donate care packages filled with items for children who enter the foster care system out of Attala County. The students donated \$250 in conjunction with the donations collected by the Kosciusko Exchange Club.



**Right:** The Ridgeland Campus Rotoract Club collected Angel Tree items for The Home Place and delivered them on Dec. 5.

The Home Place is an assisted living facility in Madison. Club members stopped for a photo after decorating the Angel Tree.

Pictured is (*far left*) Rotoract Adviser Jennifer Smith with Rotoract members (*left to right*) Stacey Stewart, Aurora Sant'Angelo, Khidari Barksdale and Ryan Sullivan.



**Left:** Dr. Rekam Giri, physics instructor, demonstrates how the Van de Graaff generator works to eager third and fifth graders who visited the Ridgeland Campus for a field trip. Students in the Science Club also participated in activities with the children.

**Not pictured:** On Tuesday, Feb. 4, Rhonda Jefcoat, a social and behavioral science instructor on the Goodman Campus, took the honors class to the Central Mississippi Central Facility Prison. Head Basketball Coach Jason Flanigan and Assistant Coach Eric Colbert went along as volunteer chaperones well.



**Right:** Pictured are (*front, left to right*) Alexis Rodger, CisLee Trost, Ashlee Hankins, Olivia Lane, Cameren Duke, Grenada Campus Student Activities Coordinator/Recruiter Haley DeNoon, Kayla Ramage, (*back, left to right*) Ivey Devine, Kalee Beck, Jeb Beck, Jordan Simmons and Steven Mann. The group volunteered at the Grenada Elementary School reading fair as judges.

# Holmes, MSU Sign MOU for Bachelor of Applied Science degree program



MSU President Mark E. Keenum and Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey sign a memorandum of understanding on Dec. 17 to formalize partnership programs for students enrolled in technical education programs.

(Photo by Beth Wynn)

Mississippi State University and Holmes Community College signed a memorandum of understanding on Dec. 17 to formalize partnership programs for students enrolled in technical education programs. The agreement outlines a pathway for Holmes students to complete MSU's new Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) program, leveraging the strengths of both institutions to provide more opportunities in technical education and meet current and future workforce demands.

"We need more two-year and four-year graduates to move Mississippi forward," MSU President Mark E. Keenum said. "By working together, I believe we'll be able to better assist our fellow Mississippians in gaining the education they need to compete for the jobs of the 21st century. We are committed to helping

all of our BAS students excel, succeed and earn a bachelor's degree—building on the excellent foundation they have been given at Holmes."

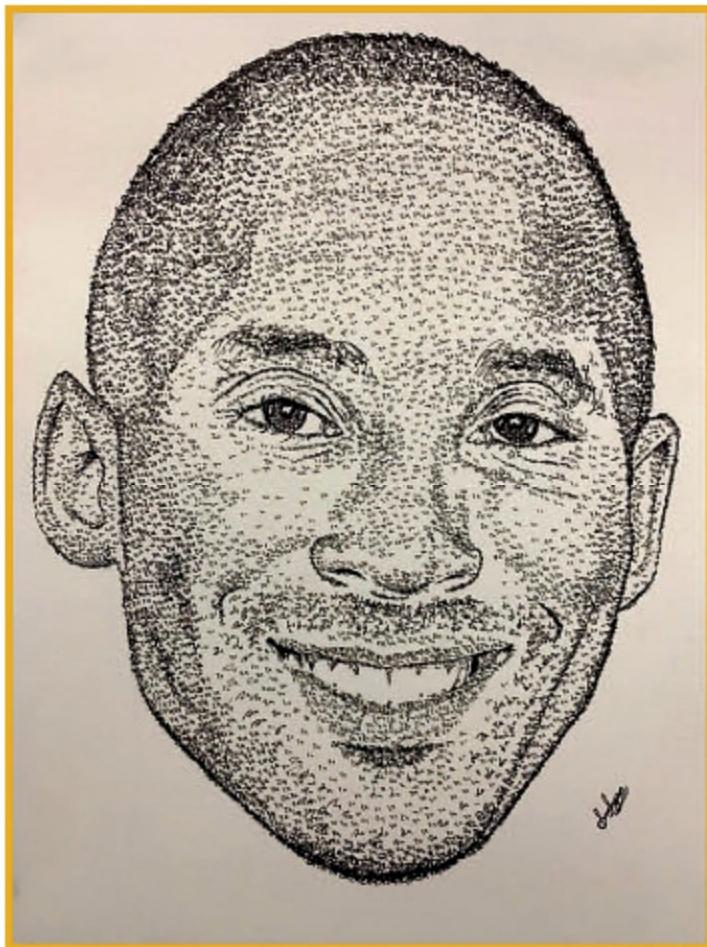
"Our economy and workforce are changing rapidly, and education has to be willing to be innovative, flexible and practical in its service to students willing to do the same," Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey said. "This is a fantastic opportunity for a whole new group of students to obtain a bachelor's degree on top of valuable technical degrees and skills they have already mastered. It also provides options for those pursuing a bachelors from the beginning to take more practical courses with specific skills during their freshman and sophomore years. We applaud Mississippi State for continuing to be an innovative leader in providing pathways for all Mississippians."

MSU launched its Bachelor of Applied Science program in August of 2019, expanding the university's acceptance of technical credit from community colleges and military training. It is intended to serve the needs of adults who have completed a technical associate's degree program through a community college or the military and need additional education to advance their careers. The agreement between MSU and Holmes outlines which courses must be completed at each institution to fulfill degree requirements. An MSU advisor will assist in guiding Holmes students through Bachelor of Applied Science program pathways. Additionally, Holmes and MSU-Meridian will work together to provide classroom space for the delivery of synchronous online courses.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Applied Science program will have access to advisors from MSU-Meridian and MSU Online. Credits in the degree program can be earned through online or in-person courses, providing the flexibility that has become a hallmark of MSU's nationally ranked online offerings.

*Article from MSU Office of Public Affairs*

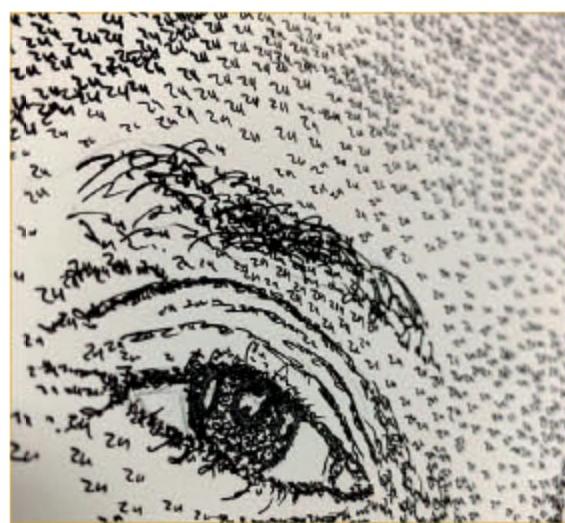
# HOLMES ALUM GAINS RECOGNITION FOR PORTRAIT OF KOBE BRYANT



Sam Ingram

Not only does Holmes alumnus Sam Ingram of Madison make his mark on the football field, he also does in the art world after one of his pieces honoring the late Kobe Bryant went viral. Ingram, now a pre-med/biology major and football player at Mississippi College, played center on the football team for the Holmes Bulldogs during the 2017 and 2018 seasons.

Following Bryant's untimely death, Ingram drew a portrait of him only using the number 24 as the background. Some 15 hours later and up to 8,000 No. 24s, he had a perfect likeness of Bryant. During the drawing process, he recorded a time lapse video and posted it on his social media sites - Instagram, Twitter and TikTok. The images and video posts blew up on social media and Bleacher Report on Twitter asked him for more images.



# Homecoming



Homecoming 2019 was one for the books! In addition to the traditional activities, there was a fun run, concerts, lecture series & more! Pictured is the 2019 Homecoming Queen and Court.



# Homecoming

# Homecoming 2019

On Oct. 24, Holmes Community College hosted its annual all-day Homecoming celebration on the Goodman Campus. Lily Kate Saxton was crowned 2019 Homecoming Queen at halftime. Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey crowned the queen. Alumni Association President Dr. James Young presented her robe and Goodman Campus Vice President Andy Wood presented her flowers. Saxton was escorted by Britt Grace. Prior to the Homecoming Court presentation, the Holmes Marching Band, directed by Jeffrey Brown, performed on the field.

The rest of the Goodman Campus court included: Student Body Maid Salena Carson and her escort Trey Johnson; Sophomore Maid Tiara Leflore and her escort Matthew Mann; Sophomore Maid Kaley Saxton and her escort Paul McGraw; Freshman Maid Mikayla Williams and her escort Clyde Dixon, and Freshman Maid Anna Claire Woodfin and her escort Thomas Niven. Ridgeland Campus Homecoming Maids were as follows: Student Body Maid Isabella Wade and her escort Wesley Jacobs; Sophomore Maid Destiny Maxwell and her escort Xeric Watson; Sophomore Maid Brandi Palmer and her escort Mario White; Freshman Maid Amanda Jacobs and her escort Landon Kinney, and Freshman Maid Deja Sloan and her escort Colby Mozee. Finally, Grenada Campus Maids were: Student Body Maid Ivey Devine and her escort Austin Hager; Sophomore Maid Princess Allen and her escort Zach Castille; Sophomore Maid Diamond Hazzard and her escort Antoine Taylor; Freshman Maid Kristen Bishop and her escort Jordan Simmons, and Freshman Maid Ashlyn Nix and her escort Colton Reed.

This year's football game against Coahoma CC kicked off at 3 p.m. and the Bulldogs won, 49-16. Prior to kick-off, the Chorale sang the national anthem and the Homecoming Honorees were recognized on the field. Honorees included: Dr.

and Mrs. Franklin Branch, Jr., Alumni of the Year; Sherman Lane Miller, Young Alumnus of the Year; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen Putnam II, Distinguished Service Award recipients and Donald Sims, Veteran of the Year.

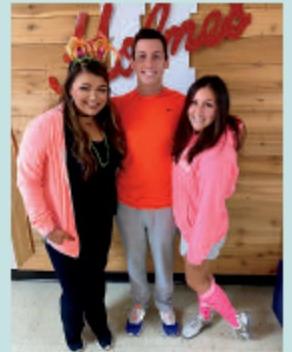
Homecoming activities for the day began with a Fun Run hosted by both the OTA program and the PTA program. Next, there were inter-squad scrimmages for the softball and baseball teams followed by basketball scrimmages. Academic Programs and Career Technical Education hosted a Career and Transfer Fair and at the same time, Workforce Development hosted "Major's Truck Expo" with all the big industry vehicles on display.

The honorees were recognized at 10 a.m. followed by a performance from Connection! and Coachmen. Academic Programs and Career Tech Education divisions also hosted a lecture series. One presentation was by Dr. Robert Green from MSU's Bagley College of Engineering and Dudley Moore from the University of Alabama. They presented, "STEM Career Opportunities." A panel discussion titled, "Why Should I Care? Empathy Across the Community" was also held at 11 a.m.

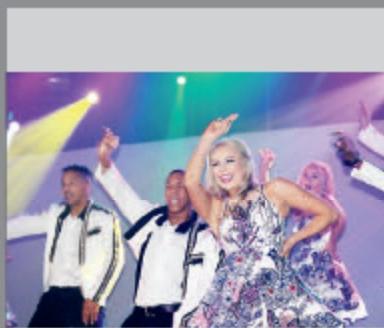
One of the noon presentations was "Professionalism in Health Science" presented by Curnis Upkins, Jr. with the Mississippi Hospital Association. The other one was "STD Prevention for College Students" hosted by Odessa Simon-Hawkins, a nurse practitioner at Woman's Hospital.

Other activities included: food trucks, games in the Grove, a performance by the Chorale and tailgating. Following the game, attendees enjoyed concerts presented by East of West, Leith Loftin and Az IzZ. Leading up to Homecoming, all campuses showed their school spirit with designated dress-up days. Monday was Jersey Day, Tuesday was Western Day, Wednesday was Neon Day and Thursday was School Spirit Day.

# Spirit Week Dress Up Days



# Homecoming Day

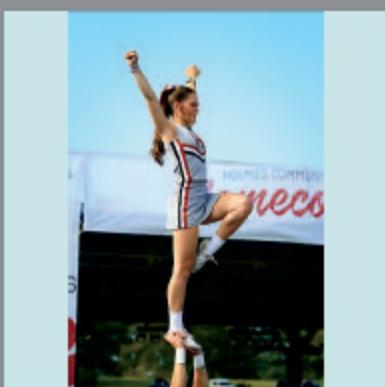


Leith Loftin entertains faculty, staff, students and alumni during the concert on the tailgating field.

The Holmes Connection! show choir wows the crowd during a performance in McDaniel Auditorium.

Holmes Connection! brings their high-energy routine to Homecoming 2019.

The ladies of Connection! bring it back to the '90's with some Spice Girls during their Homecoming performance.



The Holmes cheerleaders pump up the crowd during the pep rally before kick-off.

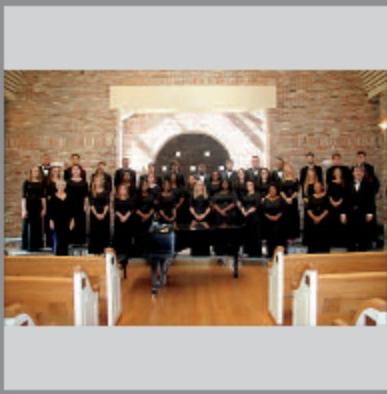
The OTA and PTA programs sponsored a one-mile Fun Run first thing to kick off Homecoming right!

The Holmes cheerleaders show off their best stunts during the Homecoming pep rally.

Prior to the Homecoming Court presentation, the Holmes Marching Band performs for the crowd during halftime.



Holmes basketball players play in a scrimmage game during Homecoming.



The Holmes Chorale performs a mini concert in the Chapel on the Hill.



The Coachmen Singers bless the crowd with praise music during a performance in McDaniel Auditorium.



High-energy dance band Az IzZ entertains the crowd, closing up the Homecoming festivities in style.



The Holmes Marching Band performs for the crowd during halftime.



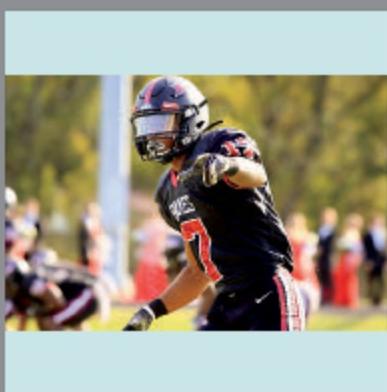
Students enjoy the fun activities in the Grove, including climbing the rockwall.



Students give their best shot riding the bull in the Grove.



Dr. Robert Green from Mississippi State University's Bagley College of Engineering presents on STEM opportunities as part of the lecture series.



Wide receiver Kendarius Evans plays his heart out during the Homecoming game against the Coahoma Community College Tigers.



The baseball team's current players take on the Holmes baseball alumni as part of the Homecoming festivities.



The Bulldogs ended the regular season on Oct. 24 with a 49-16 win over the Coahoma Community College Tigers on Homecoming.



The Lady Bulldogs softball team plays softball alumni during a friendly game on Homecoming morning.

# 2019 Homecoming queen Lily Kate Saxton & escort Britt Grace

Lily Kate Saxton of Benton, daughter of Phyllis and Mark Saxton, is an elementary education major on the Goodman Campus. Britt Grace, son of Bill and Wendy Grace, is a engineering major on the Goodman Campus.



Goodman Student Body Maid  
Salena Carson and Escort  
Trey Johnson



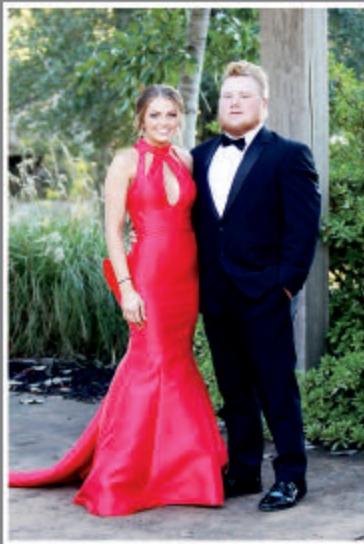
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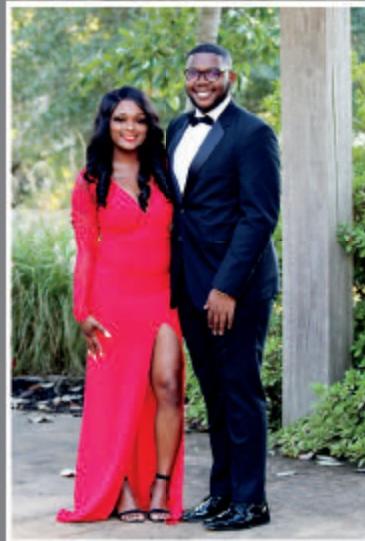
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Grenada Freshman Maid Ashlyn Nix and Escort Colton Reed

# alumni of the year



Pictured are (left to right) Dixie and Frank Branch, Alumni of the Year recipients, as they are recognized on the field before the Homecoming game on Oct. 24.

Mrs. Branch graduated from Holmes Agricultural High School in 1963 and attended Holmes Jr. College, graduating in 1965. After Holmes, she earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Delta State University. Her degree allowed her to follow her passion of music at many levels, from teaching elementary school to directing musical productions. She also worked as an office manager for Branch Animal Clinic for 40 years. Mrs. Branch has served as an accompanist and organist in many of the churches in the area, as well.

The Holmes Community College 2019 Alumni of the Year recipients were Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Branch, Jr. Dr. Branch (Frank) is a native of Goodman and Mrs. Branch (Dixie) is a native of Pickens.

Dr. Branch, son of Frank and Lennie Branch, attended Holmes Agricultural High School in Goodman then attended Holmes Jr. College, graduating in 1963. After Holmes, he attended one semester at Mississippi State University to complete his pre-veterinary requirements before attending Auburn University. He received a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1967. From 1967-1969, he attended the University of Georgia where he was named the Mark L. Morris Foundation Fellow and received an M.S. in Veterinary Pathology. Dr. Branch practiced veterinary medicine in Cleveland from 1969-1972 until he established Branch Animal Clinic in Boyle where he practiced for 40 years.



(left to right) Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey presents a plaque to Dixie and Frank Branch, the 2019 Alumni of the Year recipients, in a special ceremony in McDaniel Auditorium on the morning of Homecoming.

# Distinguished service award



(left to right) Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey presents a plaque to Chuck and Janice Putnam, the 2019 Distinguished Service Award recipients.

Upon graduation in 1985, Chuck continued on to Mississippi State University where he earned a degree in business administration in 1989. After MSU, Chuck entered the management trainee program for Champs Sports in Nashville, Tennessee. Janice joined in the Electrical Industry in 1992 when they moved to Nashville. In 1997, Chuck and Janice moved to Memphis, Tennessee, where Chuck took a management position in the electrical industry. They are now working together for Consolidated Electrical Distributors out of Starkville.

As avid supporters of the college, they established the Janice and Chuck Putnam Endowed Scholarship with Holmes Community College.

The Holmes Community College 2019 Distinguished Service Award recipients were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen Putnam II (Chuck and Janice). Natives of Eupora, Chuck and Janice graduated from Eupora High School (1983 and 1985) then both attended Holmes Community College on different campuses.

Chuck played football in Goodman during his time at Holmes. He was an offensive lineman and served as a kicker for the Bulldogs. Janice attended the Grenada Campus before going to work at Sunburst Bank Operations Center in Grenada.



Pictured are (left to right) Chuck and Janice Putnam, Distinguished Service Award recipients, as they are recognized on the field before the Homecoming game on Oct. 24.

# veteran of the year



Pictured is Veteran of the Year Donald Sims as he is recognized on the field before the Homecoming game on Oct. 24.

While serving in the military, he flew numerous combat missions and served during the Kosovo Campaign, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. During his career, some of the military awards that Sims received include the Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals and three Air Medals. He was also a recipient of The Mississippi Magnolia Cross for his military service in the Mississippi Air National Guard.

Sims retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Colonel and was awarded a State of Mississippi promotion to Brigadier General for his military service in the Air Force and Mississippi Air National Guard. He is currently serving as a Department of Defense/Air Force contractor with the Mississippi Air National Guard in Jackson.

Sims is a member of the American Legion and the Veteran of Foreign Wars. He is also an active volunteer at the Mississippi Veterans Home in Kosciusko, where he plays music with the Veterans Home band for Sunday morning church services. Sims and his wife, Ceressa, a Holmes alumna ('73), have two sons, Jason and Jordan. Jordan and his wife Sarah have two children, Kennedy and Pierce.

The Holmes Community College Veteran of the Year is Donald (Donny) Sims. As a student at Holmes, the Kosciusko native attended on a football scholarship and played guard and center. Sims graduated from Holmes in 1974. After Holmes, he earned a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and a master's degree from Delta State University in Commercial Aviation Management.

Sims completed a 30 plus year career with the U.S. Air Force and the Mississippi Air National Guard. In his years of service, he served as a Weapon's System Officer (WSO) Instructor/ Evaluator in the RF-4C Phantom II aircraft, Systems Operator in the RC-26 aircraft and Navigator Instructor/Evaluator in the KC-135R aircraft. He also served as the Operations Group Commander and completed his military career as Vice Wing Commander for the 186th Air Refueling Wing, Mississippi Air National Guard, in Meridian.



(left to right) Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey presents a plaque to Donald Sims, the 2019 Veteran of the Year, in a special ceremony in McDaniel Auditorium on the morning of Homecoming.

# Young Alumnus of the Year



(left to right) Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey presents a plaque to Sherman Lane Miller, the 2019 Young Alumnus of the Year.

In 1996, while still attending MSU, he was the over-all high winner at the national poultry judging competition. After MSU, Miller did an internship with Choctaw Maid Farms in Walnut Grove in 1995 and then with Cal-Maine Food in Edwards in 1996. For a couple of years, Cal-Maine moved Miller and his family around, promoting him each time until moving him back to the corporate office in 2011. He became the Chief Operating Officer and a Board Director that year, and in 2017, was promoted again to president of the company.

Miller has been with Cal-Maine for 20 plus years and still works there today. He stays active in his industry by serving on several boards: the U.S. Poultry and Egg Board, United Egg Producers Board, American Feed Industry Association Board and Xiant Technology. He also received MSU's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Alumni Achievement Award in 2012, served as a CALS Poultry Science Advisory Board Member and has been featured in MSU's alumni magazine.

Miller lives in Brandon with his wife, Laura Rea. They have three children: Hayden (18), Bryce (17) and Logan (15).

The Holmes Community College 2019 Young Alumnus of the Year is Ethel native Sherman Lane Miller, Class of 1994. He excelled at Holmes, where he received the W.Y. Suddeth Social Science Award, made the President's and Dean's lists and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

After Holmes, Miller earned a bachelor's degree in poultry science from Mississippi State University. He continued to excel, as he received the Poultry Science Departmental Scholarship, earned a spot on the President's List, received the Gamma Sigma Delta scholarship and was a member of the Gold Key Honor society.



Pictured is (center) Young Alumnus of the Year Sherman Lane Miller with his son Logan and his wife, Laura Rea Miller, during Homecoming on Oct. 24.

# Student Honors



Graduation is always an exciting time to celebrate students' honors and achievements as they close one chapter and begin the next!



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## Ridgeland Campus

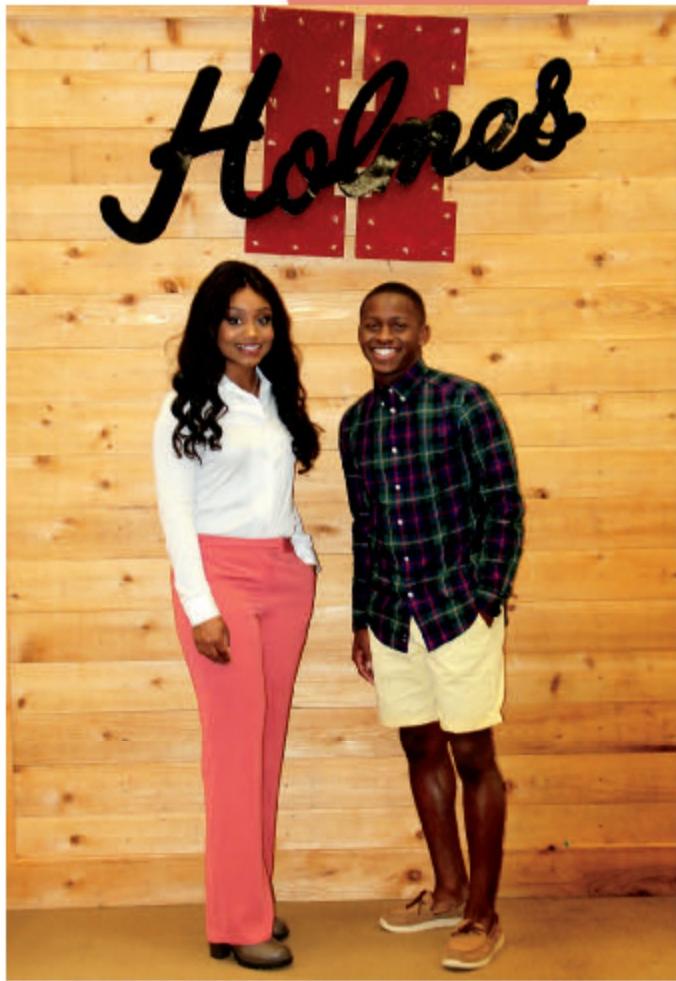


Mr. and Miss Holmes for the Ridgeland Campus are Landon Kinney and Brandi Palmer, both of Jackson.

Kinney, son of Stephanie and Michael Kinney, is a graduate of Jim Hill High School. He is an Ambassador, Student Government Association (SGA) treasurer, a member of the STEM Club and of the Social Science Club. His hobbies include exercising, helping other people and styling/modeling. Kinney also serves as a Stewpot Counselor as a way to serve his community. His future plans include becoming a successful family nurse practitioner.

Palmer, daughter of Darla and Don Palmer, is a graduate of Ridgeland High School. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and was elected as a Sophomore Homecoming Maid. Palmer works in retail at Northpark Mall and is a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. She enjoys doing makeup on herself and others, spending time with friends and family and traveling around the world. After Holmes, Palmer plans to further her education at Tougaloo College.

## Goodman Campus



Mr. and Miss Holmes for the Goodman Campus are Michael Harris of Ruleville and Tiara LeFlore of Jackson.

Harris, son of Linda Harris and Cedric Sampson, is a graduate of Ruleville Central High School. At Holmes, he plays basketball and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Harris also attends Delmar Church of Christ and serves as a BB KING ambassador. Upon graduation from Holmes, he plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi where he will be a pre-dental major. Afterward, he plans to further his career as a dental hygienist.

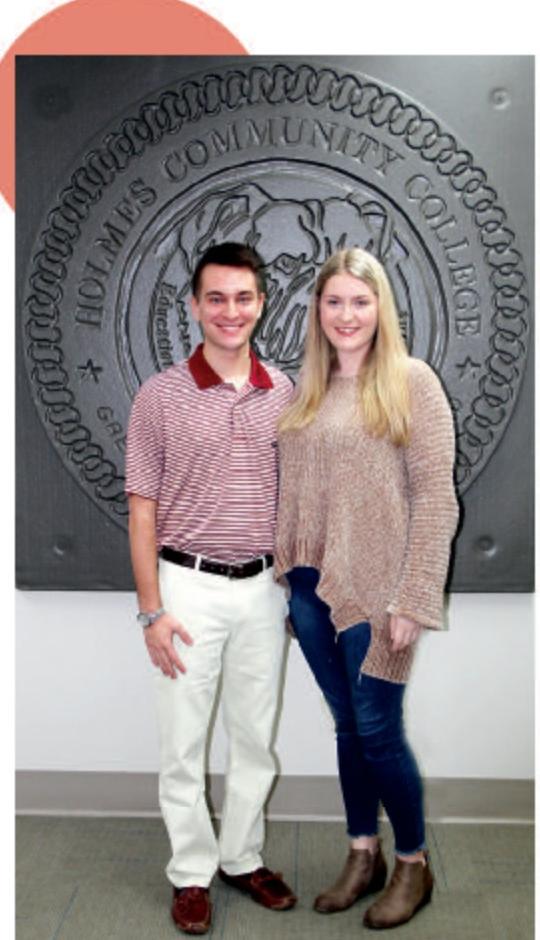
LeFlore, daughter of Tameka and Eddie Dinkins, is a graduate of Terry High School. She is a journalism major and member of the Growl newspaper staff and Horizons yearbook staff. LeFlore is also Student Government Association president, a member of MOSAIC, and involved in theater, the Holmes Connection! and Chorale. In her spare time, she enjoys working in ministry, reading, writing, poetry, traveling, becoming closer to God and hanging out with friends. Upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to attend Jackson State University.

## Grenada Campus

Mr. and Miss Holmes for the Grenada Campus are Cale Gatlin of Maben and Madison Davis of Grenada.

Gatlin, son of Jennifer Burleson and Michael Gatlin, is a graduate of East Webster High School. He is a work-study student for the Admissions Office and an active member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Off campus, he volunteers at Grenada schools with the science and reading fair. Upon graduation from Holmes, he plans to attend Mississippi State University to pursue his bachelor's degree in kinesiology.

Davis, daughter of Elizabeth Fleming and Darrell Davis, is a graduate of Grenada High School. She is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and is employed as a florist at The Flower Company. Davis enjoys being with friends and family, traveling and spending time in nature. She plans to complete the Associate Degree Nursing program at Holmes before transferring to Delta State University to obtain her BSN.



# Who's Who Ridgeland



**Deja Sloan**  
Freshman Favorite



**Colby Mozee**  
Freshman Favorite



**Holley Yates**  
Sophomore Favorite



**India Jones**  
Sophomore Favorite



**macy gordy**

Sophomore Favorite



**sam williams**

Sophomore Favorite



**nathan wildhaber**

Sophomore Favorite



**FRESHMAN FAVORITES**



**SOPHOMORE FAVORITES**

# Who's Who goodMan



**gabrielle elise diffey**  
Freshman Favorite



**jennifer phillips**  
Freshman Favorite



**Tolar Purvis**  
Freshman Favorite



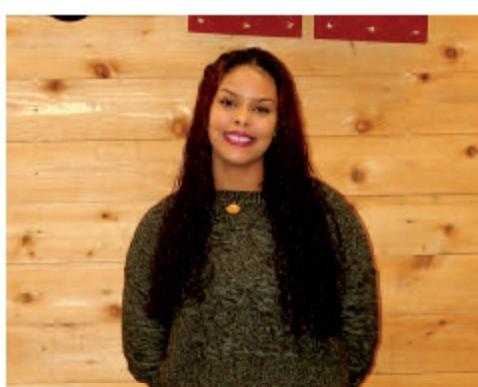
**Lakesia Smith**  
Freshman Favorite



**mikayla williams**  
Freshman Favorite



**Jason Ables**  
Sophomore Favorite



**Delancy Anderson**  
Sophomore Favorite



**Johna Beavers**  
Sophomore Favorite



**Spencer Burden**

Sophomore Favorite



**Caleen Lewis**

Sophomore Favorite



**Parker Jones**

Sophomore Favorite



**Mallory McKenzie**

Sophomore Favorite



**Paul Ray McGraw**

Sophomore Favorite



# Who's Who grenada



**ashlee hankins**  
Freshman Favorite



**ashlyn nix**  
Freshman Favorite



**jordan simmons**  
Freshman Favorite



**kali Beck**  
Sophomore Favorite



**ivey devine**  
Sophomore Favorite



**cameren duke**

Sophomore Favorite



**olivia lane**

Sophomore Favorite



**braden migliore**

Sophomore Favorites



# Hall of Fame



**Ja'Laycia Roqueia Brown** is a biology major and President's List Scholar. The daughter of Mattie Brown, she is active on campus as a member of the Lady Bulldogs soccer team, where she plays forward, and as a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. She holds a perfect 4.0 GPA and upon graduation from Holmes, plans to attend Delta State University to play soccer and continue her studies in biology.

**macy c. gordy**, the daughter of Janet Gordy and Brent Gordy, is an accounting major. She is active on campus, serving as an Ambassador, Student Government Association president and as a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Gordy was also named a Class Favorite. After Holmes, she plans to continue her education in accounting at Mississippi State University, and later plans to earn her CPA license.



**Bailee grace gregg**, a marketing major, is the daughter of Angie and Chris Duke. At Holmes, she's an Ambassador, Phi Theta Kappa member and manager of the Lady Bulldogs soccer team. Off campus, she is also a Collide Small Group leader. Upon graduation from Holmes, Gregg will transfer to Mississippi State University.



# Ridgeland

**Jake Ham**, son of Tami and Kiley Ham, is a general studies major who has been on the President's and Dean's List both years at Holmes. He is a Phi Theta Kappa member, an Ambassador and a member of Colonial Heights Baptist Church. At CHBC, he has served as a children's camp counselor, a Disciple Now counselor, a student intern and as a missionary for both a domestic mission trip to Jonestown and an international trip to Colombia. After Holmes, Ham will transfer to William Carey University to pursue a degree in International Business.



**Caseigh Hickman**, daughter of Terry and Van Hickman, is an elementary education major. She is a defender for the soccer team, a President's List scholar and Phi Theta Kappa member. Hickman has volunteered with Stewpot, First Baptist Church's food pantry, Vacation Bible Schools, the Opportunity Center and visited a senior citizen complex. She has also served as a tutor for first grade students. She plans to transfer to Delta State University and would like to become employed by Rankin County School District after earning her bachelor's in elementary education.

**David Blake Humphreys**, son of Holly Humphreys, is an accounting major and President's List scholar. He also serves as vice president of chapter relations for Phi Theta Kappa. Humphreys is an active member of Word of Life church where he serves with outreach ministries. During his freshman year, he also served as a member of the worship team, as part of the young adult ministry, as a guest experience host and went on a mission trip. Upon graduation from Holmes, he plans to transfer to The University of Mississippi to pursue a bachelor's degree in accounting before eventually going to UM School of Law.



# Hall of Fame



**Luke Langford**, son of Maria Langford, is a mathematics major who serves as vice president of membership for Phi Theta Kappa. He is also a Holmes Writing Center consultant, a member of STEM Club and a student volunteer at National Weather Service in Jackson. During his freshman year, he worked as an assistant in the Holmes Fitness Center and performed with Millsap's Experimental Music Ensemble. Langford also received the Holmes Achievement Award in English Composition and placed in the Creative Writing Contest. After Holmes, he plans to complete both undergraduate and graduate degrees in meteorology. Langford would also like to continue acting, achieve proficiency in Korean and German and travel the globe.

**Peyton Montgomery**, daughter of Kim and Jeff Montgomery, is an exercise science major and a captain of the soccer team. Some of her accolades include: All-Region selection, Phi Theta Kappa member, HPR Student of the Year and Dean's List. She also serves as a coach at Soccer Shots, which works on character-and skill-development for children, and worked skill days for BFC Soccer Club. After Holmes, Montgomery plans to go to a Division II school to continue her athletics with soccer. Academically, she either wants to be a physical therapist or an orthopedic surgeon and specialize in hip preservation. Her ultimate goal is to pioneer new technology and procedures to improve quality of life, progression back to sport and longevity of their natural joint with hips in the orthopedic field.



**Addison Stevens**, daughter of Stephanie and Richard Stevens, is a pre-medical major with a 4.0 GPA. A President's List scholar, she is active on campus as an ACT, science/math tutor; a STEM Club member; a Phi Theta Kappa member and as a volunteer for Dr. Rekam Giri in the physics lab. Stevens has volunteered for multiple organizations, including the Salvation Army, Operation Christmas Child, Lake Caroline Arts and Crafts Festival, Madison County Library and the Webster Animal Shelter. She plans to earn her bachelor's at The University of South Alabama, majoring in biomedical sciences, before continuing on to medical school.



# Ridgeland

**Alyssia Terry**, daughter of Frederick Terry, is an exercise science major and a captain of the Lady Bulldog's soccer team. She is also a President's List scholar, ACT President's Scholarship recipient and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Terry volunteered with the soccer team, helping with Madison-Ridgeland Academy car pool, the City of Ridgeland Easter Egg Hunt and the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mississippi. After Holmes, she plans to attend physical therapy school at University of Mississippi Medical Center and become a physical therapist.



**Jadyn A. Williams**, daughter of Alecia and Jamane Williams, is a marketing major and President's List scholar. On campus, she serves as an SGA representative and Phi Theta Kappa member. Outside of Holmes, she is employed with The Bridge Church and serves as a volunteer instructor for Bridge Builders Leadership Initiative. She also volunteers fundraising/consulting services at a youth afterschool program. Upon graduation, Williams plans to complete her bachelor's in marketing at Jackson State University followed by her master's in marketing from Mississippi College.

**Samantha Erin Williams**, daughter of Stacey and Tim Williams, is an accounting major with a 4.0 GPA. She is very active on campus as an Ambassador, Student Government Association member and President's List scholar. She was also named a Class Favorite both years at Holmes. As a freshman, Williams worked as an intern for Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters and as a sophomore, as an afternoon receptionist at Hartfield Academy. After Holmes, she plans to attend Mississippi State University and finish both her undergraduate and graduate degrees before pursuing a job in accounting.



# Hall of Fame



**Mary Clayton Burrell**, daughter of Mandy and Jeff Burrell, is a pre-nursing major with a perfect 4.0. A scholar-athlete, Burrell made the President's List, was named Distinguished Academic All State and was named First Team NJAA All-Academic for 2018-2019. She was also named MACJC First Team All-State in 2019 and Most Valuable Player for Holmes softball in 2019. Additionally, Burrell is an Ambassador and member of Phi Theta Kappa. Outside of Holmes, she is a member of Crestview Church and serves as a leader for a YoungLife group. After Holmes, she plans to attend University of Mississippi Medical Center to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing. Following nursing school, she would like to become a certified nurse practitioner and specialize in the field of dermatology.



**Britt Grace**, son of Wendy and Bill Grace, is a civil engineering major who is extremely active on campus. Grace is a scholar-athlete, Holmes Plus scholar, President's List scholar and Phi Theta Kappa member who served as an escort for the Homecoming Queen as well as for Beauty Review. He was also named the Holmes student honoree for the 2019-2020 Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) program. Off campus, Grace is a counselor at Central Hills Baptist Retreat, a Disciple-NOW leader and part of the worship band at church. Upon graduation from Holmes, he plans to attend Mississippi State University to pursue a degree in civil engineering.



**D'mechriea T. Landfair**, daughter of Tracy Greer and Amishau and Quentin Harmon, is a pre-law major with a 4.0 GPA. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a Student Government Association representative, a member of the Social and Behavioral Honor's Class and a peer mentor for Student Support Services' MOSAIC club. She also received the top Academic Excellence award in MOSAIC. Additionally, Landfair volunteered to serve Thanksgiving dinners to the senior citizens in both Attala County and Holmes County, and participated in various fundraisers for MOSAIC. Once she graduates from Holmes, she plans to attend Mississippi State University and obtain a bachelor's degree in political science. After graduating MSU, she plans to apply to law school at the University of Mississippi.

# goodman

**Arin McIntyre**, daughter of Kathryn McIntyre and Melissa and Sean Cooper, is an accounting major who has been on both the President's and Dean's List. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a scholar-athlete, a member of MOSAIC and member of the softball team. Her freshman year, she played both infield and outfield for the Bulldogs and as a sophomore, she served as softball team manager. Outside of Holmes, she is active in her church where she volunteers with youth groups for Bible studies and mission trips. She is also involved with various fundraisers through MOSAIC on campus, as well as fundraisers for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. St. Jude is near to her heart as she is a patient there. She was diagnosed with Stage 2 Wilms Tumor as an infant and wants to help others there in every way she can. Upon finishing her degree at Holmes, McIntyre plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and earn a bachelor's in accounting. She hopes to own her own business one day.



**Braiden L. Suggs**, son of Cristi Suggs, is a general studies major and President's List scholar. His leadership roles include: chairmen of the MOSAIC Fundraising Committee, vice president of the Student Government Association and vice president of the HCC Gaming Club (freshman year). He is also a member of the marching band, the concert band and the steel drum band, and serves as a student worker for Student Services and Student Housing. His community service/volunteer work includes: helping with a Eupora First Baptist Church cleanup, helping with a Gaming Club fundraiser, helping with MOSAIC's yard sale, volunteering at the Holmes basketball concession stand and participation in a FUGE camp/leading a youth ministry in South Carolina. Upon graduating from Holmes, he plans to continue his education at Mississippi State University. There he will pursue a bachelor's degree in general studies followed by a master's in higher education. After obtaining his degrees, he'd like to return to Holmes to start his career.



# Hall of Fame



**Kalee Beck**, daughter of Tonda and Mark Beck, is an elementary education major, a President's List scholar and vice president of leadership for Phi Theta Kappa. She also serves as an Ambassador, Student Government Association secretary and as a member of the Baptist Student Union. Beck was voted a Class Favorite both years at Holmes and participated in Beauty Review. Her community involvement includes serving as a judge for the Grenada School District reading and science fairs, hosting a soft skills workshop with Phi Theta Kappa and helping with Vacation Bible School at her church. Upon graduation from Holmes, Beck plans to attend The University of Mississippi (Grenada Campus) to earn her bachelor's in elementary education. Later, she plans to pursue her master's in counseling.



**Raylin Cooper**, daughter of Melissa and Scott Cooper, is a nursing major, a Mississippi Rural Water Association Scholarship recipient and Phi Theta Kappa member. She is also a member of a community service group, 20th Century Club, in her hometown of Eupora, and co-chair of the Juniores, a community service club based out of Eupora High School for girls in grades 7th-12th. Additionally, she's an ambassador for The Kindness Revolution and was able to share the idea of spreading acts of kindness throughout the community as a way to fight against bullying. After Holmes, she plans to attend University of Mississippi Medical Center to pursue her BSN.



**Ivey Devine**, daughter of Shannon and Bill Devine, is a psychology major on the President's List with a 4.0 GPA. She is president of both Phi Theta Kappa and SGA, a member of BSU, an Ambassador and a work-study in the Holmes Financial Aid/Business Office. She was named Freshman Homecoming Maid, Sophomore Student Body Maid and voted a Class Favorite both years. Her community service includes serving as a judge for the Grenada School District reading fair and science fair; participating in a soft skills workshop with Phi Theta Kappa and helping with an SGA toy drive for St. Jude. Upon graduation from Holmes, Devine plans to transfer to Mississippi State University to pursue a bachelor's in educational psychology. After that, she'll continue her education by pursuing a master's in educational counseling.

# grenada

**Bailey Marshall**, son of Becky and William Marshall, is a pre-med major with a 4.0 GPA, a President's List scholar, a Woodward Hines Education Foundation Get2College Corps Scholar, a Phi Theta Kappa member and BSU member. He has done all kinds of community service, including assisting/valeting at the Charlie Worsham Follow Your Heart Arts Gala; assisting with a Cindy Hyde-Smith event; assisting with a Lt. Governor Tate Reeves event; assisting at the President Trump rally in Southaven; helping with five political gatherings with the Grenada County Political Youth Committee and assisting numerous students with their FAFSA. Marshall has also volunteered at the local nursing home and aided in the collection/donation of food and apparel items for the local food bank. Upon graduation, he plans to attend the University of Mississippi to pursue a bachelor's in science, then further his education at UMMC in Jackson to receive his doctorate. Marshall plans to specialize in radiology, and if able, to start a construction business on the side. While at Holmes, he worked in the Financial Aid Office and also at Harrell's Metal Works, in hopes of saving enough money to pave the way for his goals.



**Lindsey McLellan**, daughter of Janice McLellan and Joey McLellan, is a student in the Holmes Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) program. She is very active on campus; McLellan is an Ambassador, Phi Theta Kappa member, Student Government Association representative and Baptist Student Union member. McLellan is also a President's List scholar who received the Biological Science Award her freshman year, and was named a Class Favorite. Her community service includes: serving as a judge for the reading fairs in the Grenada School District and participating in a campus toy drive for St. Jude. After graduating with her Associate in Applied Science in the Physical Therapy Assistant Program, she will be ready to join the physical therapy field and help those in need.



# Phi Theta Kappa sweeps Regionals



Pictured are Grenada Officers Zach Wiggins, Ivey Devine and Kalee Beck.

Holmes Community College's Phi Theta Kappa chapters attended Spring Convention at the University of Mississippi March 6-8. The Alpha Mu Beta Chapter from the Grenada Campus was named a 5 Star Chapter and won first place in the Honors and Action Theme 8 category. Additionally, Grenada Advisors Cynthia Abel and Bethany Miller received Horizons Advisor Awards and Ivey Devine was named a Golden Key Scholar.

The Kappa Alpha Chapter from the Goodman Campus was also named a 5 Star Chapter and Terri Jo Banks was recognized with the Horizon Advisor Award.

Additionally, the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter from the Ridgeland Campus was named a 5 Star Chapter, placed second in the Honors in Action Theme 3 category and 9th in the Distinguished Honors in Action category.

Ridgeland Campus Advisors Lisa Anglin and Laura Canard received the Horizons Advisor Award, as well, and Nathan Wildhaber was named a Golden Key Scholar.



Ivey Devine



Nathan Wildhaber



Bethany Miller



Cynthia Abel



Pictured are Ridgeland Officers Gracie MacGown, Lorron LaChance, Blake Humphreys, Nathan Wildhaber and Luke Langford.



Terri Jo Banks



Lisa Anglin



Laura Canard

# Dr. Jim Haffey recognized With gordon award Of DiStinction



Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) recognized 13 college presidents, including Holmes Community College President Dr. Jim Haffey, with the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction. These awards are given to college presidents who have shown strong support of student success on their campus by recognizing academic achievement, leadership and service among high-achieving students at their colleges.

Recipients are nominated by students on their campus and are only eligible to receive the award once over the course of their career. The Shirley B. Gordon Award is Phi Theta Kappa's most prestigious award for community college presidents and is named in honor of the late Dr. Shirley B. Gordon, Phi Theta Kappa's longest-serving Board of Directors Chair and a founder and long-time president of Highline Community College in Washington.

The other 2020 recipients are: Dr. Cristal Albrecht, Alvin Community College, Texas; Dr. Jo Alice Blondin, Clark State Community College, Ohio; Dr. Warren Brown, North Seattle College, Washington; Dr. Mary Graham, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Mississippi; Dr. Donald Green, Georgia Highlands College, Georgia; Mr. Thomas LoBasso, Daytona State College, Florida; Dr. Sean Madison, Tarrant County College, Texas; Dr. Michael McDonough, Raritan Valley Community College, New Jersey; Dr. James Dale (J.D.) Rottweiler, Cochise College, Arizona; Dr. Walt Tobin, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, South Carolina; Ms. Jennie Vaughan, Ivy Tech Community College, Indiana; and Dr. Gregory Williams, Odessa College, Texas.

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The Society is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 11 nations, with approximately 240,000 active members in the nation's colleges.

# Phi Theta Kappa



**Kali Beck**, daughter of Tonda and Mark Beck, is an elementary education major, a President's List scholar and vice president of leadership for Phi Theta Kappa on the Grenada Campus. She also serves as an Ambassador, SGA secretary and as a member of the Baptist Student Union. Beck was voted a Class Favorite both years at Holmes and participated in Beauty Review. Her community involvement includes serving as a judge for the Grenada School District reading and science fairs, hosting a soft skills workshop with Phi Theta Kappa and helping with Vacation Bible School at her church. Beck enjoys spending time with friends and family, going to church and painting. Upon graduation from Holmes, she is transferring to Mississippi State University to pursue a degree in elementary education and become a teacher.

**Ivey Devine**, daughter of Shannon and Bill Devine, is a psychology major on the Grenada Campus. She serves as president of both SGA and Phi Theta Kappa. Devine is also an Ambassador, work-study student for the Financial Aid Department, Hall of Fame inductee, President's List scholar, Freshman and Sophomore Class Favorite, as well as Freshman and Student Body Homecoming Maid. She enjoys reading, traveling, cooking and doing puzzles. After Holmes, she plans to attend Mississippi State University and earn a bachelor's in educational psychology and a master's in counseling. She'd like to become a high school or college guidance counselor.



**Sarah Elizabeth Hardy**, daughter of Melanie and Shane Hardy, is a psychology major on the Goodman Campus. At Holmes she is a cheerleader, Ambassador and Phi Theta Kappa president. Hardy is a Scholar-Athlete and President's List scholar who was nominated for Hall of Fame and won the Cheerleading Leadership Award as a freshman. Off Campus, she volunteers with Hope Hollow Ministries, Operation Christmas Child, is a children's church teacher and has packed care packages for military members. After Holmes, she plans to attend Delta State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in psychology and then attend the University of Mississippi Law School to earn a degree in criminal law.

# all-academic

**gracie macgown**, daughter of Sacha and Mike MacGown, is a chemistry major on the Ridgeland Campus. She is an officer for the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and in her free time, volunteers at Webster whenever she can. MacGown also serves as a nanny for two girls after school and over the summer. After graduating Holmes, she plans on attending the University of Mississippi and majoring in biochemistry with a pre-med emphasis. She also plans on minoring in Spanish. After that, MacGown's goal is to go to medical school and pursue her dream of being a pediatrician.



**Shakeria Smith**, daughter of Carrie Smith and Rodney Smith, Sr., is a pre-nursing major on the Goodman Campus. She is a member of the Holmes cheerleading squad, Voices of Praise and serves as a MOSAIC tutor, as well as an MC2 tutor. Smith serves as Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Membership, is a President's List scholar and received the Cheer Award. Off campus, she is a volunteer at Choctaw Medical Clinic of Ackerman and a tumbling coach at The Fitness Company. Her future plans are to attend medical school and pursue a career in the healthcare industry, specializing in surgery.

**nathan Wildhaber**, son Trisha and Daniel Wildhaber, is an electrical engineering major on the Ridgeland Campus. He is president of Phi Theta Kappa, received the Golden Key Award and is a President's List Scholar. Wildhaber's hobbies include fitness, reading and making music. Upon graduation from Holmes, he plans to pursue his bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and then seek employment in the field of control systems and robotics until he can start up his own business in that industry.



# SkillsUSA Takes Third in National Competition

ON JUNE 24-29, 2019, STUDENTS AND ADVISERS FROM THE SKILLSUSA CHAPTER OF HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE GOODMAN CAMPUS ATTENDED THE NATIONAL SKILLSUSA COMPETITION IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. THE WEEK-LONG EVENT YIELDED SEVEN MEDALS TO GOODMAN STUDENTS.

MEMBERS OF THE OPENING AND CLOSING TEAM COMPETED IN APRIL 2019 IN JACKSON AT THE SKILLSUSA STATE COMPETITION, WHERE THEY CLINCHED FIRST PLACE AND SECURED THEIR SPOT TO REPRESENT HOLMES AND THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. THE OPENING AND CLOSING TEAM WAS ANCHORED BY VETERAN HALLIE WESTBROOK, WHO, TWO YEARS AGO, WAS ON THE OPENING AND CLOSING TEAM THAT WON FIRST PLACE IN THE STATE AND THIRD IN THE NATION. DERRICK RAINES SERVED AS THE COACH FOR THE TEAM BACK IN 2017 AND AGAIN THIS YEAR DURING THE 2019 SURGE THAT FINISHED THIRD IN THE NATION AGAIN THIS YEAR.

"IT'S LIKE A BUILDING, THE SUCCESS PART, THAT IS," ADVISER WILL ALEXANDER EXPLAINED. "YOU NEED A GOOD, SOLID FOUNDATION AND STRONG SUPPORT FOR A BUILDING TO STAND TALL AND WEATHER THE STORM. DERRICK IS THAT FOUNDATION WE HAVE IN OUR ORGANIZATION, ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO COACHING PUBLIC SPEAKING. HE HAS A WAY OF PULLING CHARISMA OUT OF STUDENTS AND BUILDING CHAMPIONS."

MONTHS OF MEMORIZATION, SPEECH PREPARATION AND ANIMATION WENT INTO THE SUCCESS OF THE TEAM AND THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THIS PARTICULAR YEAR WAS MORE CHALLENGING THAN OTHERS IN THAT THE TEAM ENCOMPASSED STUDENT MEMBERS FROM FIVE DIFFERENT VOCATIONAL AND/OR TECHNICAL PROGRAMS OF STUDY. THESE SEVEN STUDENTS OVERCAME MANY OBSTACLES TO PRACTICE AND EXCEL IN THEIR AREA OF COMPETITION.

MEMBERS OF THE 2019 SKILLSUSA OPENING AND CLOSING TEAM WERE: HALLIE WESTBROOK, PRESIDENT; YERNITA PARHAM, VICE PRESIDENT; JADA WARE, TREASURER; DAVID HASTY, SECRETARY; COREY BOONE, REPORTER; DEVIN LEAL, PARLIAMENTARIAN AND AUDREY ELMORE, HISTORIAN;



Pictured are members of the 2019 SkillsUSA Opening and Closing Team. They are (left to right) Audrey Elmore, historian (cosmetology); Jada Ware, treasurer (cosmetology); Yernita Parham, vice president (welding); Hallie Westbrook, president (architectural engineering technology); David Hasty, secretary (HVAC), Corey Boone, reporter (industrial technology) and Devin Leal, parliamentarian (HVAC).

# Ridgeland Creative Writing Contest



Each year, the Ridgeland Campus holds a Creative Writing Contest. All winners receive cash prizes furnished by the Holmes Foundation. First and second place winners are forwarded to the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association contest and will be published in Holmes' Creative Writing Journal, "Reflections."

Winners of the Personal Essay category were: First Place "Red Phase: Becoming a United States Soldier" by Baylie Cook; Second Place, "Thoughts" by Aurora Sant'Angelo and Honorable Mentions, "Effects of the Pothole Plague" by Luke Langford and "Quantum Entanglement" by Shreenithi Lakshminarayanan.

Winner of the Literary Essay category was: First Place, "A Brief Discussion of the Life of Frederick Douglass" by Luke Langford.

Winners in the Short Story category were: First Place, "A Burning Question" by Liam Carruthers; Second Place, "The Fishing Hole" by Elizabeth Orr and Honorable Mentions, "His Beloved Grace" by Samantha Endsley and "Unchartered Life" by Aurora Sant'Angelo.

For the Poetry category: First Place, "Mississippi Moves" by Stacy Wiebe; Second Place, "Constancy" by Shreenithi Lakshminarayanan and Honorable Mentions, "Hope" by Matt Livingston and "Death" by Aurora Sant'Angelo.

The winner of the Drama category was: First Place, "Plague Year" by Shreenithi Lakshminarayanan.

# Goodman Creative Writing Contest



Each year, the Goodman Campus holds a Creative Writing Contest. All winners receive cash prizes furnished by the Holmes Foundation. First and second place winners are forwarded to the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association contest and will be published in Holmes' Creative Writing Journal, "Reflections."

Winners of the Essay section were: First Place, "A Catfish Catastrophe" by Jenson Williams; Second Place, "From Foe to Friend" by Kaleigh Cosgrove; Third, "Family Propaganda" by Thomas Barnes and Honorable Mention, "That Dreadful Day" by Ra'Darius Williams.

Winner of the Literary Essay category was: First Place, "The Yellow Wallpaper: Through the Eyes of Feminism" by Brantley Holder.

The Poetry category winners were as follows: First Place, "The Movies" by Draven Howell; Second Place, "His Lions Are Real" by Jim Turner; Third Place, "Stick Out Your Tongue" by Lundy Hawthorne and Honorable Mention, "Absence" by Justin Porter.

For the Short Story category, winners were: First Place, "Ritual" by Lundy Hawthorne; Second Place, "A Mind of Darkness" by Jurtis Culp and Third Place, "The Ty That Binds" by Tyeisha Quinn.

# Grenada Creative Writing Contest



**Jordan Bishop**



**Peyton Poe**

Each year, the Grenada Campus holds a Creative Writing Contest. All winners receive cash prizes furnished by the Holmes Foundation. First and second place winners are forwarded to the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association contest and will be published in Holmes' Creative Writing Journal, "Reflections."

Winners of the Poetry category were:

First Place, "Kitchen Mouse" by Peyton Poe and Second Place, "The Graveyard" by Jordan Bishop.

Winners of the Short Story category were:

First Place, "The Antebellum Willow" by Jordan Bishop and Second Place, "Six" by Peyton Poe.

# COMMENCEMENT

# 2019

Holmes Community College held its 91st Commencement Ceremony on May 10 in Frank Branch Coliseum on the Goodman Campus. The ceremony for Goodman and Grenada campuses and the Attala Center was held at 10 a.m. The ceremony for the Ridgeland Campus and the Yazoo City location was held at 2 p.m.



1. Bradford James, Grenada Campus Vice President of Scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa, gives the invocation during the ceremony for Goodman, Grenada and Attala students.



2. Ridgeland Campus SkillsUSA President Antonio Benson gives the invocation during the graduation for Ridgeland and Yazoo students.

3. Pictured are Ridgeland Campus honorees. They are (*left to right*) salutatorian Jacquelyn Seuser and valedictorian Garret James Kelley. *Not pictured:* salutatorian Robert B. Oakes.

4. Pictured are the valedictorians from the Goodman and Grenada campuses; all of whom had a perfect 4.0. They are (*left to right*) Mary Morgan Stafford, Hallie Westbrook, Lake Shipp, Makenzie Ryals, Bradford James, James Swinney, Tyler Sloan, Loftin Price and Nickolas Bails.



(left to right) Victoria Alexander poses for a photo with Academic Counselor Pamela Fells.



(right) Mary Morgan Stafford accepts her diploma from Board of Trustees member James Alford.



(right) Holmes Student Support Services Director Linda Alexander Jones stops for a photo with Winford Ross.



(left to right) Courtney Dees smiles for a picture with TREK Coordinator Bethany Miller.



(right) Jacob Alumbaugh happily accepts his diploma from Board of Trustees Vice President Dr. Walter Roberts.



(right) Meredith Lukers smiles as she accepts her diploma from Board of Trustees member James Alford.



Miesha Conley happily accepts her diploma.



(right) Holmes Connection! and Coachmen Director Mike Yates smiles for a photo with one of his students, Isaiah Miller.



(right) Holmes Ridgeland Campus Student Activities Director Amanda Lindsey poses for a photo with one of her Ambassadors, Holly Reeves.



(center) Surgical Technology instructor Shea Coleman poses for a photo with students (left to right) Bekah Misner and Brad Coleman.



Grads showed their individuality with customized caps at graduation.

5. Pictured are (left to right) Chelsea Williams and Jacquelyn Seuser. Williams was the 2019 Ridgeland Campus M.C. McDaniel Scholarship recipient, and Seuser received the Ridgeland Campus Outstanding Phi Theta Kappan Award.

6. Pictured are (left to right) Courtney Dees, Macie Craddock, Tyler Sloan and Hallie Westbrook. Dees was the 2019 Grenada Campus Outstanding Phi Theta Kappan Award recipient, Craddock received the Grenada Campus M.C. McDaniel Scholarship, Sloan was named Goodman Campus M.C. McDaniel Award recipient and Westbrook was named Goodman Outstanding Phi Theta Kappan.

7. (right) Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey stops for a photo with Brendon Quon.



Amber Cyrus gives a huge grin as she accepts her diploma.



(left to right) Victoria Alexander and Jazmin Roman are all smiles after graduation.



(right) Casey Cloninger happily accepts his diploma.

# Pinning ceremonies

# 2019



1. Pictured are the 2019 Grenada ADN students before their Pinning Ceremony in May.
2. Pictured is the Ridgeland Campus Surgical Technology Class of 2019 after their summer Pinning Ceremony.
3. Pictured is the Ridgeland Campus Practical Nursing Class of 2019 following their Pinning.
4. Pictured is the Attala Practical Nursing Class of 2019 prior to the Pinning Ceremony in June.
5. Pictured is the Grenada Practical Nursing Class of 2019 before their June ceremony.
6. Pictured is the Ridgeland Campus EMS cohort following a Pinning Ceremony in the summer of 2019.
7. Pictured is the Grenada Campus ADN 2019 Class following their Pinning Ceremony in December.
8. Pictured is the 2019 Ridgeland ADN Class prior to their Pinning Ceremony in May.





# Faculty & Staff



If you are looking for the best and brightest, for the most hard-working and dedicated faculty and staff members, look no further than Holmes Community College!

# HONORS



# FACULTY & STAFF

# HEADWAE 2020

Each year, the Mississippi Legislature hosts the Higher Education Appreciation Day - Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) program to recognize and honor the academically-talented faculty members and students of Mississippi's higher education institutions. The 33rd HEADWAE recognition event was held on Monday, March 2 at the Mississippi State Capitol. Honorees from Holmes included Angela Jones Miles, a mathematics instructor, and Britton English Grace, a civil engineering major. Miles teaches and Grace is a sophomore on the Goodman Campus of Holmes.



1. Pictured are honoree Angela Miles, Holmes President Jim Haffey, and honoree Britt Grace.

2. Pictured are Angela Miles and Britt Grace.

3. Pictured are (*front, left to right*) Vice President for Academic Programs Dr. Jenny Bailey Jones, Wendy Grace (student honoree's mother), (*back, left to right*) Scott Miles (faculty honoree's husband), Faculty Honoree Angela Miles, Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey, Student Honoree Britt Grace and Bill Grace (student honoree's father) at the 2020 HEADWAE event.





## angela miles

Miles, who has worked at Holmes for 14 years, holds an associate degree from Jones College, a bachelor's in mathematics from Delta State University and a master's in mathematics education from Mississippi State University. She is a National Board Certified teacher in mathematics and a member of the Mississippi Collegiate Mathematical Association. Previously, Miles received the 2009 Phi Theta Kappa Sally Wilson Distinguished Educator Award and was named a 2010 Holmes Lamplighter recipient.

"Angela deserves this award for her countless hours of dedication to her students," said Goodman Academic Coordinator Wendy Grace. "She is always concerned for their well-being and will go out of her way to make sure they understand and excel in her classes."

"She is also always willing to serve on numerous committees and pitch in to help with whatever is needed. There is not a week that goes by that Angela does not call me to see if I need help doing anything. She is tremendous behind-the-scenes support system for me. From a mother's standpoint, I can tell you first hand that she is an excellent instructor who has a way of making sure her students know her difficult subject areas and are very well prepared to move on to the next level at the university."

Outside of Holmes, Miles is an active member of Williamsville Baptist Church's Love-Out-Loud Ministry and enjoys spending time with her family. She and her husband Scott have three children, Whitney, Jeffery and Anna, and two grandchildren, Powell and Collins.

A graduate of Kosciusko High School, Grace is the son of Wendy and Bill Grace. He is a student-leader who stays busy as a Holmes Plus Scholar, an Ambassador, a Baptist Student Union Lead Team member and a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. He also a manager for the Bulldogs softball team, a math lab tutor and a work-study student for both the Athletics Department and Academic Programs. He escorted the 2019 Homecoming Queen Lily Kate Saxton, and served as a Parade of Beauties escort as well.

"Britt is one of the best students in my class, both in engineering mechanics and engineering physics," said Durga Siwakoti, physics and engineering instructor. "He is curious, hard-working and most importantly, diligent in his work. We have had several discussions in and out of the classrooms on the topics related to course content or academia and I have enjoyed every bit of those conversations with him. He is a good listener, but does not hesitate to ask questions if he thinks something is missing in the discussion. It is a dream of a teachers to have students like Britt in his class. I wish him a very bright future ahead."

Grace is also a Board of Trustees ACT scholarship recipient, a President's Scholar, a Scholar-Athlete and has a perfect 4.0 GPA.

"Britt has had and continues to maintain an excellent overall average in both Calculus II and III," Miles said. "He has also demonstrated some leadership qualities such as being a diligent and prepared student. In his responses, Britt is usually direct, accurate and to the point. He pays attention and strives to perform well in class. I am confident in saying that he deserves this recognition. Even though he is involved with many campus activities, he is a great representative for the Holmes Plus program. He is a wonderful student with a positive attitude."



## Britt grace

# Holmes Humanities

## John Robert "JR" Hall



On Feb. 18, J.R. Hall, a history, philosophy and religion instructor on the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus, presented his scholarly presentation, "The History and Phenomena of John Newton's Amazing Grace with American Christianity and Beyond." Hall, who was selected as the 2019-20 Holmes Humanities Teacher of the Year, presented the lecture (or "experience," as he called it) in the McGowan Workforce Training Center on the Ridgeland Campus with faculty, staff, students, alumni, family and friends in attendance.

Hall's presentation explored the history and phenomena of "Amazing Grace," and he even included musical accompaniment - bag pipes, guitar, piano and singing - to better show the rich history behind the famous hymn. Mike McCollum with the City of Ridgeland opened up the presentation with the bagpipe rendition of "Amazing Grace," even sporting full Scottish attire in his kilt.

Following the bagpipes, history/political science instructor Kay Kelly introduced Hall and he began his initial introduction to how "Amazing Grace" has been used as a hook for many a movie advertisement/soundtrack. After a look at how the hymn began in the 18th Century with John Newton, English instructor Steve Deaton provided guitar accompaniment as Hall sang a rendition of "Amazing Grace" to the tune many know from the song "House of the Rising Sun." Former Holmes librarian Blair Booker, now a librarian at Mississippi State University, provided accompaniment on the keyboard as Hall performed two other renditions of "Amazing Grace," as well. He even ended his presentation by asking all in attendance to join him in singing the well-known hymn. A reception in the lobby followed the presentation.

Hall is in his 16th year as a full-time instructor at Holmes, where he teaches both on the Ridgeland Campus and online. Prior to that, he was an adjunct instructor on both the Ridgeland and Goodman campuses. Hall is a graduate of Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Divinity degree. He has additional studies from Mississippi State, Mississippi College and Springhill College. A native of Crystal Springs, Hall is married to Dawn Trott Hall and they reside in Ridgeland. Dawn has spent her career in the field of early childhood education. They have two daughters, Audrey and Madeline. Audrey is an MFA student at the University of Florida, and Madeline, a Holmes alumna, is a recent graduate of Delta State University. In his leisure time, Hall enjoys visiting National Parks and other historical sites. He also assists the public address announcer during football games at Ridgeland High School and at Holmes. After presenting his lecture at Holmes, Hall was recognized by the Mississippi Humanities Council at the 2020 Public Humanities Awards Gala in Jackson on March 24.

# Teacher of The Year

2019 - 2020



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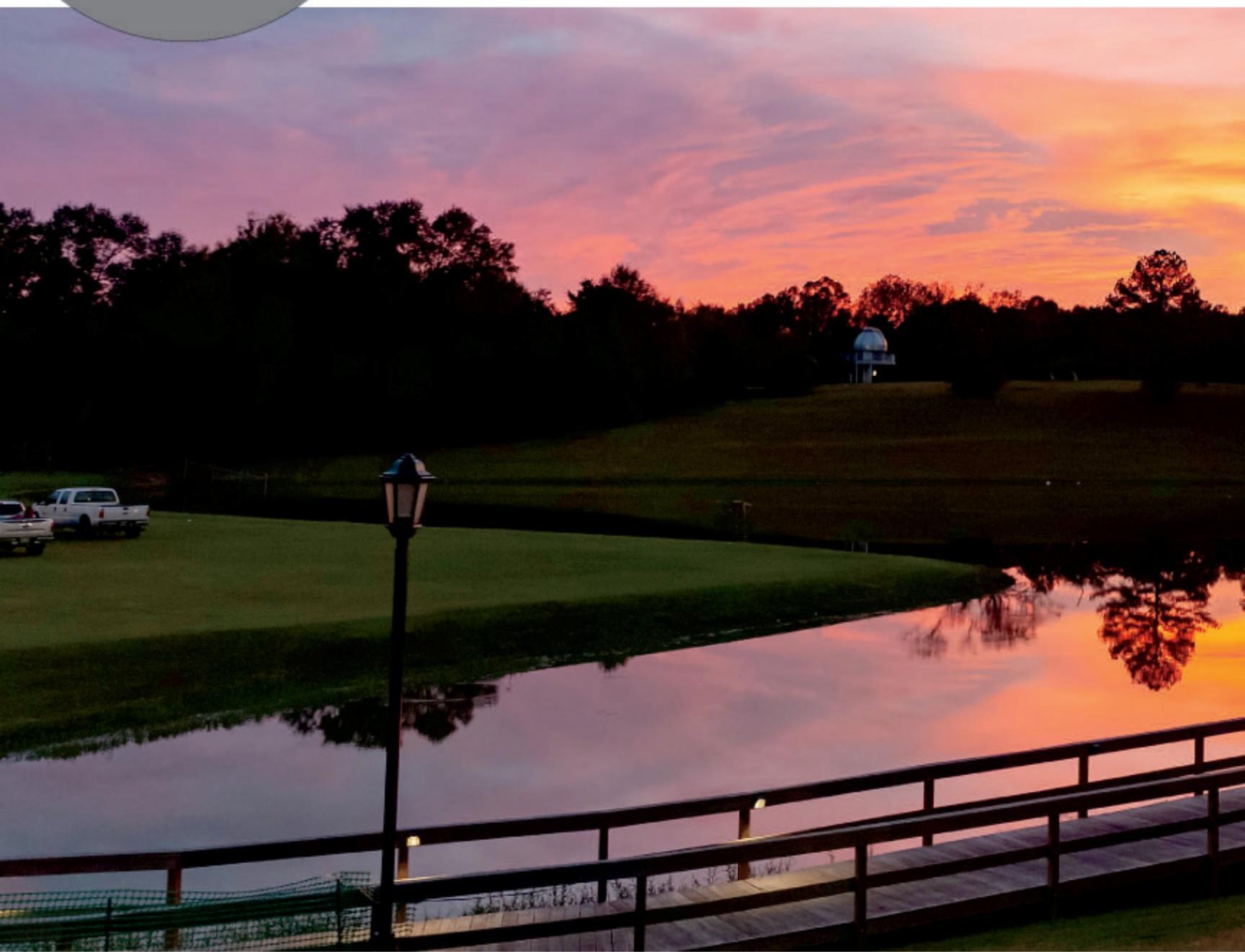
1. Mike McCollum with the City of Ridgeland plays "Amazing Grace" on the bag pipes as part of the lecture presentation.

2. Shannon Warnock, who serves as community leader for the Mississippi Humanities Council, congratulates J.R. Hall on a successful presentation.

3. J.R. Hall presents his Holmes Humanities Teacher of the Year lecture, "History & Phenomena of John Newton's Amazing Grace with American Christianity and Beyond."

4. J.R. Hall stops for a photo with his youngest daughter, Madeline, and his wife, Dawn.

# CAMPUS LIFE

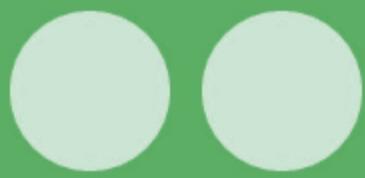


There is always something going on at Holmes Community College - all across the district! There's holiday dress-up fun, in-class experiments, special presentations, concerts, Spring Fling, athletic events, campus programs and so much more! Speaking of campus, check out this gorgeous sunset on the Goodman Campus.



# CAMPUS Life

# CORONAVIRUS



The coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, shocked and affected everyone as it took the world by storm. Originating in China, the virus has been labeled as a pandemic because of how quickly and how far it spread. COVID-19 is similar to the flu, but is much more contagious. Many people feared we'd have to go on lockdown, causing them to raid stores to get all of their essentials plus more. Many stores quickly began to run out of toilet paper, hand sanitizer and many non-perishable food items as well. Because of all the frenzy, lots of retailers began to raise their prices in hopes to make more money. For example, at Madison's local Sam's Club, tissue was raised to \$20 a pack.

President Trump and the CDC suggested that Americans self-quarantine and only go out if it was absolutely necessary. Social distancing seemed to be the solution to keep everyone safe and protected from the coronavirus. When the CDC recommended we stay in groups of 50 or less, Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey was quick to make that possible. Dr. Haffey wanted to make sure students and faculty stayed safe during this scary time. He implemented that we immediately switch any face-to-face classes to strictly online for the time being. By doing so, students were still able to complete their courses and not lose any hours. Students worked from home, but were still able to connect with their teachers when it came to class work. This method of teaching got the job done for Holmes faculty and staff.



1. Due to panic buying, many shelves in grocery stores were left completely empty. This is the bread aisle at Kroger in Flowood, Mississippi.

2. Holmes Ridgeland Campus Ambassador Sam Williams of Brandon continues class from her home on Wednesday, March 18.

3. Masks, hand sanitizers and Clorox wipes were some of the first things to fly off the shelves, but toilet paper wasn't far behind. In preparation for COVID-19 quarantines (which happened some places), people shopped in panic mode, causing grocery store shelves to constantly sell out of bread, milk, hamburger meat and toilet paper. A gas station in Madison, along with some others, even sold individual rolls to those in dire need.

Spring semester classes at Holmes started back March 18 in an online format as Holmes did its part to help fight the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). The college moved 788 academic and career technical classes to an online format which included 3,555 traditional students. During the spring semester, 5,210 Holmes students were being taught and receiving instructional support. Plans were also made to host individual training for career and technical students in addition to their online content.

Dr. Haffey was proud of the effort his instructors and administrators made to keep students on track to finishing the spring semester in a timely manner.

"We take a lot of pride at Holmes at being flexible and responding to our communities' needs quickly," Haffey said. "That is a culture that our instructors and employees embrace."

Director of eLearning Tish Stewart said her staff was eager to help the on campus instructors convert their classes to online.

"Since our eLearning program has 20 years of experience, we have a wealth of information that we are able to share with instructors and students, including basic instructions, training manuals and tips for the online classroom," Stewart said. "We are doing all we can to help all those involved with this transition to be prepped and ready for what the weeks ahead may entail."

Vice President for Academic Programs Dr. Jenny Jones said once she knew a transition from on-campus to online was happening, her staff and instructors went to work getting this accomplished.

"Our instructors were able to take their face-to-face courses and start converting them to fully online within days," Jones said. "Of course, none of this would have been possible without the outstanding support from the eLearning Department, they have been the backbone of this massive undertaking. We want to ensure that our Holmes students know that we are all here for them and will support them in the days ahead. There's 'No Place Like Holmes!' has never been more evident than now."

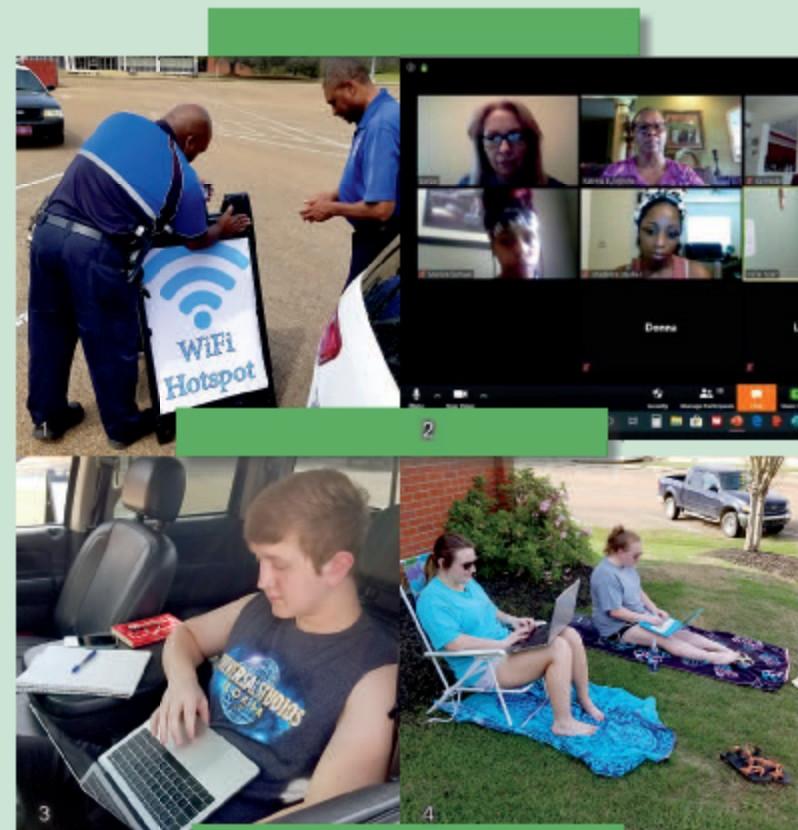
Holmes also identified several areas at each location where students could park and work on their assignments in their vehicle if they had limited access at their homes. Students had the opportunity to pick up WiFi on the Goodman Campus, along Montague Street; on the Ridgeland Campus in the parking lot in front of Adcock Library; on the Grenada Campus in the parking lot on Avent Drive near the Phillips Building and at the Attala Center in the big parking lot.

1. Goodman Campus Police Officers set up signs to let students know about the available WiFi.

2. Business and Office Technology Instructor Katrina Myricks' business accounting class meets over Zoom.

3. Jacob Stover of Durant works in his car outside the Goodman Campus, using the school's WiFi.

4. Students sit back and relax outside the Goodman Campus using the free WiFi to complete their homework.



# ● 2020 Pandemic

# Carols of Christmas

# 2019



Connection! + Santa = A fabulous Christmas show!



Lundy Hawthorne sings her heart out.

ON THURSDAY, DEC. 5, SOME OF HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S MUSICAL ENSEMBLES - CONNECTION!, COACHMEN SINGERS AND THE CHORALE - PRESENTED "CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS" ON THE GOODMAN CAMPUS. THIS HIGH-ENERGY PERFORMANCE INCLUDED A NUMBER OF CHRISTMAS FAVORITES AND EVEN A SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY JOLLY OLD SAINT NICK!



Tiara LeFlore and Matthew Mann show off their moves.



Kaley Saxton smiles as Javier Booker sings to her during the show.



Connection! and Santa are all smiles for Carols for Christmas!



Lakesia Smart gives her all during the Carols of Christmas performance.



Coachmen singers show their talent during Carols of Christmas.



Kayla Triplett wows the audience with her flute solo.



Lily Kate Saxton belts out Christmas tunes during the Chorale's performance.



Connection! members go all out during the Carols of Christmas performance.

# Halloween at Holmes Ridgeland & goodman

## Halloween at Holmes

Halloween at Holmes is one of the most anticipated times of the year. It is a time when students and staff can come dressed up as anything that they like.



(above) The librarians were colorful and fun as library unicorns/mythical creatures! They are (left to right) Jennifer Smith, Nacole Adams and Jessica Leverette.

(left) Pictured are (left to right) Dr. Amy Whittington, Allison DeWeese and Reagan Dilmore in their Care Bear attire.



(left to right) Gabby Williams and Pamela Fells stop for a photo in the Counseling Center.



Some Holmes Ridgeland Campus employees show their Halloween spirit! They are (front row, left to right) Allison DeWeese, Reagan Dilmore, Melissa Love, Mary Margaret Busby, (second row, left to right) Lisa Anglin, Stephanie Wood, NeKeisha Johnson, Cade Montague, Laura McMahon, (back row, left to right) David Jones, Miranda Burns, Morgan Bondurant, Nathan Hutchinson, Michael Pawlik and Makeaba Latiker.



Wolverine (Cade Montague) gives his best pose.



Danyelle Colton poses in her costume in Ridgeland Hall.



Barry Blackstock goes incognito as "Scary Barry" in his Halloween mask.



Morgan Bondurant and Stephanie Wood (AKA deer and hunter) pose for a photo.



On Oct. 29, members of the baseball and softball teams participated in the second annual Field of Screams co-ed softball game on Charlie Donald Field on the Goodman Campus. Wearing Halloween costumes, the teams competed against each other to raise money for Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital and Jennifer Sterling Brown Animal Rescue of Holmes County.



(left) Pictured are (left to right) Linda Alexander Jones and Donald Boyd showing their Halloween spirit on the Goodman Campus.



(left) Pictured are Holmes baseball players giving it their all, costumed up, in the Field of Screams softball game on the Goodman Campus.

# Halloween



Pictured is Dylan Todd.

On Oct. 31, the Grenada Campus hosted a Halloween party in the Trek Center. Students had the opportunity to come in any time between 9-11 a.m. to eat candy, hangout, get their picture taken and also enter to win door prizes by wearing a costume.



Pictured are (left to right) Olivia Lane and Kristen Bishop.

1. Students pose together as they take part in the Halloween party.
2. Students sign up for door prizes during the Halloween party.



Pictured is Raven Gurley.



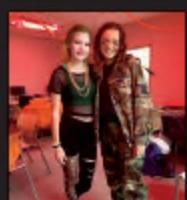
A mystery student Michael Myers joins the party.



Pictured are (left to right) McKenzie Smith and Kristen Bishop.



Pictured is Student Activities Director Haley Denoon.



Pictured are (left to right) Cislee Trost and Olivia Lane.



(left) Pictured are Grenada students (left to right) Talor Pounds, Nathan Martin, Kirsten Ramage and Kayla Ramage attending the BSU costume party held in Goodman.

(right) Attala Center Practical Nursing instructors (left to right) Christi Blair and Tammy Caldwell go all out for Halloween.





3. Nathan Martin shows off his Christmas-themed costume.

4. (left to right) Ivey Devine and Lindsey McLellan pose in their costumes.

5. Faculty show how clever they can "bee." Pictured are (left to right) Pam Moore, Jennifer Brunson and Jessica Elliot.



Halloween in  
Grenada and  
Attala



6. A mystery masked creature makes an appearance on Halloween.

7. Pictured are (left to right) Shuntissa Dixon and Trevonia Powell

8. Pictured are (left to right) Cameron Williams, Abby Nix and Ashlein Lucas as Monsters Inc. characters.

# Beauty Review

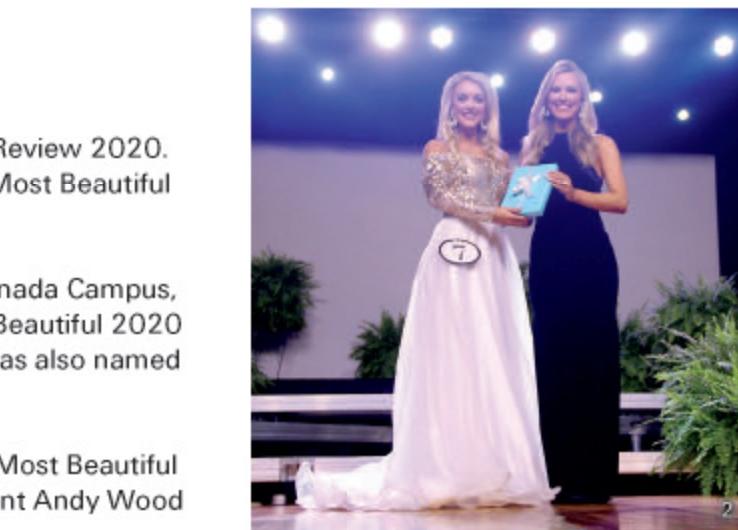
1. Thomas Barnes plays while Lexi Greenlee sings "Neon Moon" at intermission.



2. Alli Roberts accepts the award for Most Photogenic from the evening's MC, Miss Catfish 2018 Nikki Merchant.



3. Pictured are the Top 10 for Holmes Beauty Review 2020. They are (*front, left to right*) Lauren Lusk and Tiara LeFlore; (*middle, left to right*) Victoria Still, Ashlyn Nix, Most Beautiful Alli Roberts, Emily Morris, Elise Diffey; (*back, left to right*) Savannah Richardson, Ivey Devine and Elizabeth Orr.



4. Pictured are the Top Five for Holmes Beauty Review 2020. They are (*left to right*) Victoria Still, Ashlyn Nix, Most Beautiful Alli Roberts, Emily Morris and Elise Diffey.



5. Alli Roberts, a sophomore on the Holmes Grenada Campus, is crowned Holmes Community College's Most Beautiful 2020 by 2019 Most Beautiful Lily Kate Sexton. She was also named Most Photogenic.

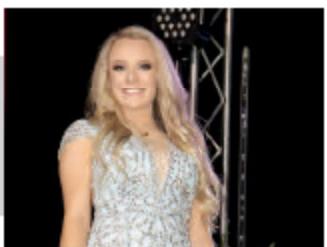
6. Most Beautiful 2019 Lily Kate Saxton, 2020 Most Beautiful Alli Roberts and Goodman Campus Vice President Andy Wood smile for a photo.

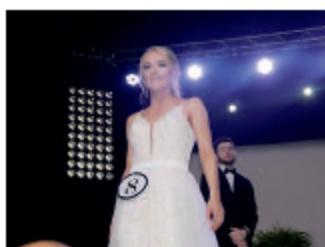


(right) Pictured are (*left to right*) Lakesia Smith, Victoria Still, Lauren Lusk, Ivey Devine, Elizabeth Orr, Mikayla Williams and Ashlyn Nix.

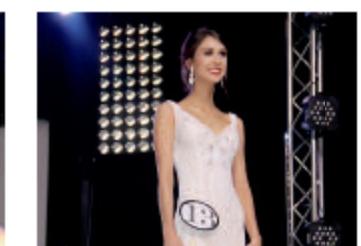
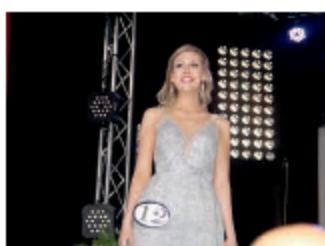


(right) Pictured are (*left to right*) Madelyn Gray, Lindsey Twiner, Olivia White, Maci Harris, Elise Diffey, Emily Morris and Cameron Duke.





(left) Pictured are (left to right) Savannah Richardson, Arin McIntyre, Alyssa Long, Tiara LeFlore, Holley Yates, Alli Roberts and London Hunt.





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**Tiara Lefiore  
and Victoria  
still take  
down 7 nation  
army!**

**connection! gives  
an "OUT OF this  
world" ending  
dance!**



**Lindsey Twiner kills  
cake BY The ocean!**





Bailey Britt  
dances to Bye  
Bye Bye!

**matthew mann and  
Kadie Bowman knock  
down the bars in  
jailhouse rock!**

# connection!

1. **Teddy Jackets!** These super cozy sherpa jackets are perfect to keep you warm and stylish this winter.



3. **Lil Nas X** was an overnight sensation this year. With hit songs like "Old Town Road" and "Panini," many people grew to love him!



4. **A Blast from the Past!** Champion has come back into style, but this time, more stylish than ever. You can see many individuals rocking this brand, whether it is sweatpants, shirts or sneakers.

5. The Popeyes Chicken Sandwich was definitely a trending item this year. The sandwich caused quite an uproar and was so popular that Popeyes sold out nationally, some locations within days. Fights even broke out over people cutting in line to get the coveted sandwich before they sold out.

6. Nike Air Force 1 shoes are a go to, stylish shoe. Most Air Force 1s are plain white, but here at Holmes, students decided to switch it up!



7. **Marie Kondo** shared her Japanese art of decluttering your closet and keeping things tidy this year. Kondo says it's all about keeping what sparks joy.

8. Scrunchies have made a return and become another fashion statement this year. No matter if they are used as a hair accessory or bracelet, you see many people using scrunchies to tie together their outfits.



9. HydroFlask waterbottles are a new trend. They come in a variety of colors, and people usually decorate them with the most interesting stickers.

10. Checkered Vans have become a popular item. These shoes are easy to pair with just about anything.

11. Many people have gotten a hold of AirPods, the wireless headphones.

12. The app TikTok became really popular in 2019. It's a way to find and create entertaining or even informative videos.

13. Flare Jeans have come back into style this year. These jeans add the perfect touch and can dress any outfit up!

14. Zach Bridges, a Holmes CC alumnus, appeared on NBC's "The Voice." He made it through the Blind Auditions and the Knockout Round!



# What's Trending at Holmes



Although COVID-19's arrival caused many people to stop in their tracks, some students at Holmes were fortunate enough to still carry out their Spring Break plans before things got bad. No matter how big or small a vacation seemed, students were able to fully enjoy themselves before properly social distancing the following week. Needless to say, plans or no plans, Spring Break 2020 was definitely one to remember.



1. (*left to right*) Mary Grace Kelley, Ridgeland Ambassador India Jones and Micah Moore pose for the camera while on a mission trip in Mexico.

2. Ayliahna Wilson and her sister pose with their gifts from Dave and Busters in Houston, Texas.

3. Lorron LaChance and Addie Fetcko stop and take a picture in front of the Vickburg Bridge.

# SPRING BREAK 2020



1. Noah Primer competes in a Phi Beta Lambda competition and places second in the state!
2. Ridgeland's Miss Holmes Brandi Palmer poses by a heart-warming quote while on vacation with her family for Spring Break.
3. Ridgeland student Weston Harris (*pictured to the right*) takes a beach selfie with his friends in Seaside, Florida.
4. Holmes student Queen Trigg (*pictured second to the right*) is all smiles while at a show with her family in Houston, Texas.
5. Grenada Campus sophomore Ivey Devine poses in front of Hogwarts Castle at Universal Studios: Islands of Adventure, Florida.



memories that Last

# Clubs &

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There are all kinds of ways for Holmes students to get involved on campus! From musical organizations to Christian groups, to leadership organizations and student publications, there is something for everyone! Pictured here is the Grenada Campus Phi Theta Kappa induction in the spring of 2020.



# organizations

# DRUM major



drum major, goodman campus

Henry Shurlds

# COLOR guard



color guard, goodman campus

(left to right) Salena Carson, Sudiemarie Strickland, Bailey McRae, Kaitlyn Muirhead and Daleshia Carter.

# DRUMLINE



## DRUMLINE, GOODMAN CAMPUS

(front row, left to right) Darrel Brantley Jr., Justin Love, Noah Burrell, Aden Miller, Jalen Watkins, Curry Peeples, (back row, left to right) Holden Shipp, Johnny Kelly, Brandon Vaughn, Hank Files and Weston Walls.

# WOODWINDS



## WOODWINDS, GOODMAN CAMPUS

(front row, left to right) Jameka Rias, Justin Johnson, Braiden Suggs, Natalie Howell and Kayla Triplett.

# High Brass



**High Brass, goodman campus**

(front row, left to right) Sydney Hightower, Gabrielle Turner, Jonathan Parker, Schuyler Davidson, Gowon Cunningham, Elizabeth Pearson, (back row, left to right) Marcus Lee, Cordarius Cork, Kathryn Neal, Jim Turner and Cameron Morgan.

# LOW BRASS



**Low Brass, goodman campus**

(front row, left to right) Madasine Brown, Steven Green, Ciara Collins, Cullen Wood, Milton Mayfield, (back row, left to right) Carlos Martinez, Da'Monte Davis, Hamilton Allen, Ramadan Awad and Zachery Kinny. *Not pictured: Chreetra Bennet.*

# Pit Percussion



**pit percussion, goodman campus**

(front row, left to right) Katie Wilkerson, Macy Williams, Draven Howell. (back row, left to right) Tyler Pilkington, Thomas Mathis, James Keene and Rejohn Toten.

# band managers



**band managers, goodman campus**

(left to right) Kalajah Bell, Devin Leal, Grayson Walker, Donald Chip and Davis Westbrook.

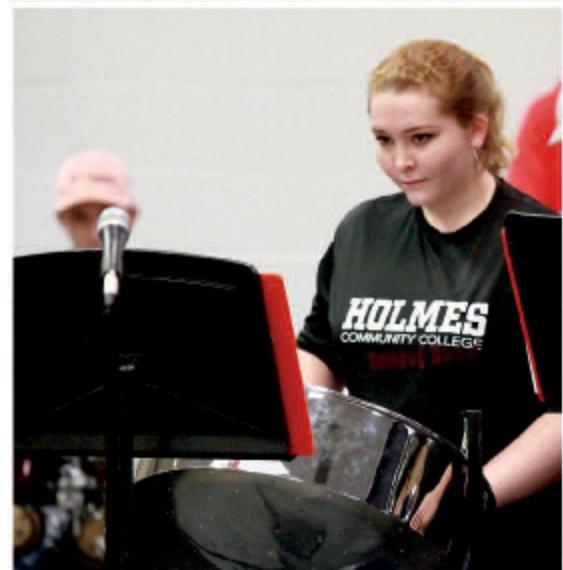


## jazz band & steel band



### jazz band, goodman campus

Members include: Myia Brown, saxophone; Gowon Cunningham, trumpet; Schuyler Davidson, trumpet; Chreetra Bennet, trombone; Milton Mayfield, baritone; Hamilton Allen, tuba; Justin Love, drumset; Holden Shipp, drumset; Rejohn Toten, keyboard and James Keene, guitar. Director Jeffrey Brown and Assistant Director Terry Miller.



## Steel Band, Goodman Campus

Members include: Sydney Hightower, lead; Cameron Morgan, lead; Kathryn Neal, lead; Jim Turner, lead; Noah Burrell, double second; Henry Shurlds, double second; Braiden Suggs, cello; Draven Howell, bass guitar; Thomas Mathis, guitar; Kalajah Bell, engine room; Katie Wilkerson, engine room; Johnny Kelly, engine room/drumset; Weston Walls, engine room/drumset and Brandon Vaughn, engine room. Director Jeffrey Brown and Assistant Director Terry Miller.



# coachmen



**coachmen, goodman campus**

(left to right) ReJohn Toten, Tori Still, Thomas Barnes, Wesley Harris, Lexi Greenlee and Noah Burton.

# connection!



**connection!, goodman campus**

(front row, left to right) Tori Still, Katie Rodgers, Lily Kate Saxton, Tiara Leflore, Kaley Saxton, Kadie Bowman, Lindsey Twiner, (back row, left to right) Javier Booker, Gabe Welch, Ben Pennington, Matthew Mann, Wesley Harris, Bailey Britt, James Clark and Director Mike Yates.

# INDOOR DRUMLINE



## INDOOR DRUMLINE, GOODMAN CAMPUS

Noah Burrell, snare; Jalen Watkins, snare; Chris Ball, snare; Johnny Kelly, snare; Justin Love, tenors; Holden Shipp, tenors; Brandon Vaughn, tenors; Weston Walls, tenors; Aden Miller, bass drum; Cameron Morgan, bass drum; Curry Peeples, bass drum; Milton Mayfield, bass drum; Jim Turner, bass drum; Hamilton Allen, cymbals; Henry Shurlds, cymbals; Kalajah Bell, cymbals; Katie Wilkerson, marimba; Natalie Howell, marimba; Ciara Collins, vibes; Daleshia Carter, vibes; Madisine Brown, xylo; Selena Carson, bells; Macy Williams, keys; James Keene, guitar; Thomas Mathis, guitar; Cullen Wood, guitar; Draven Howell, bass guitar; Schuyler Davidson, pit; Jonathan Parker, manager; Chip Gray, manager; Sydney Hightower, manager; Devin Leal, manager; Kaitlyn Muirhead, manager; Kathryn Neal, manager; Sudiemarie Strickland, manager; Gabbye Turner, manager; Greyson Walker, manager and Davis Westbrook, manager.



# VOICES OF PRAISE



## VOICES OF PRAISE, GOODMAN CAMPUS

(left to right) Rejohn Toten (director), Thomas Barnes, D'Mechriea Landfair, Kalajah Bell, Kamilia Wallace, Breanna Tillis, Daleshia Carter, Adviser Rosalyne Davis and Johnny Kelly.

# Phi Theta Kappa



**Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, goodman campus**

(front row, left to right) Dara Neagle, Kaneesha Moore, Bailey McRae, Katie Rodgers, Anna Lauren Green, Michael Harris, Shakeria Smith, Kenneth Moore, Peyten Pen, Cade Johnson, Triniyah Jones (second row, left to right) Mikayla Williams, Salena Carson, Keely McGinty, Delancy Anderson, Brittany Harrison, Calen Lewis, Anna Claire Woodfin, Mary Swinney, Hannah Smith, Isaac Moore, Jordyn Manning, (third row, left to right) Jenson Williams, Kadie Bowman, Mallory MacKenzie, Sarah Elizabeth Hardy, Brantley Holder, Arin McIntyre, Anna Claire Blaylock, Meredith Moore, Dmechriea Landfair, Timothy Hutchinson, (fourth row, left to right) Landon Rhodes, Caleb Chisholm, Spencer Burden, Billy Ray, John Bailey Britt, Jon Parker Jones and Justin Porter. Not pictured: Advisers Terri Jo Banks and Will Alexander.

# HOLMES PIUS



**HOLMES PIUS, goodman campus**

(front row, left to right) Randa Williams, Tracie Scroggins (back row, left to right) Britt Grace, Landon Rhodes, Parker Jones, Caleb Chisholm, Isaac Moore and Tanner Threet. Not pictured: Advisers Jodie Burchfield, Rosalyne Davis, William Devore, Heather Jones, Angela Miles and Durga Siwakoti

# SkillUSA



## SkillUSA, goodman campus

(front row, left to right) Willard Baughn, Bria Davis, Kelsey Jenkins, Christopher Frazier, (second row, left to right) Bryce Boyles, Darren Jefferson, Justin Nunn, Carlos Martinez, Corey Boone, (back row, left to right) Adviser Derrick Rainey, Adviser Ben Lewis, Adviser Jeffrey Cotten, Adviser Will Alexander and Adviser Casey Caldwell. Not pictured: Advisers Cham Blain and Christy Adams.

# mosaic



## multicultural organization for students achieving, inspiring others & challenging themselves, goodman campus

(front row, left to right) Donald Gray, Steven Morgan, Jr., Yulanda McKennie, Ambra McCaskill, (second row, left to right) T.J. Hutchinson, Ambriah Seay, Crystal Hightower, Madison Mennemeier, Kalajah Bell, (third row, left to right) Arin McIntyre, Kaneesha Moore, Caleb Belk, Javier Booker, D'Mechriea Landfair, (fourth row, left to right) Adviser Tess Crenshaw, Adviser Angela Boyd, Jurtis Culp, Adviser Linda Alexander Jones, ReJohn Toten, (back row, left to right) Tre'Darious Clifton, Landon Rhodes and Diajza Stigler.

# Student government association



**Student government association, goodman campus**

Pictured (*on Halloween*) are SGA members (*front row, left to right*) Kelia Weatherby, Lily Saxton, Kaley Saxton, (*sitting*) Braiden Suggs, Tiara LeFlore, Joyahnni Fields, Kalajah Bell, Chree Bennett, (*back row, left to right*) Hamilton Allen, Katie Wilkerson, Kerneshia Owens, Katie Rodgers, John Bailey Britt, Matthew Mann, Holden Shipp, Milton Mayfield and Herbert Marshall. *Not pictured:* Adviser Tina Boy

## Chorale



**Chorale, goodman campus**

(*front row, left to right*) Presley Farrish, Selena Gilmore, Judith Cravens, Tiara LeFlore, Lily Kate Saxton, Justin Johnson, Taylor "Larry" Foster, Charles "Cooper" Reed, Sarah Beth Ingram, Kamilia Wallace, Myia Brown, (*second row, left to right*) Accompanist Dr. Donna Banks, Shronda Wilder, Sarah Granger, Lakesia Smith, Mahala Erving, Javier Booker, Thomas Barnes, James Clark, Wesley Harris, Victoria Still, Lexi Greenlee, Lindsey Twiner, Kaley Saxton, Chorale Director Benny Edwards (*back row, left to right*) Keely McGinty, Lundy Hawthorne, Kalajah Bell, Breanna Tillis, Matthew Mann, Luke Beatty, Gabriel Welch, Noah Burton, Logan Hodges, Clyde Dixon, Justin Porter, Jacob Harrison, Mariana Bridges and Claneisha Olive.

# COSMETOLOGY



**COSMETOLOGY, GOODMAN CAMPUS**

(front row, left to right) Adeline, Aguilar, Kyesha Thomas, Cortazshia Falls, Keiarra Huffman, Roneshia Williams, (middle row, left to right) Riley Tucker, Keorra Phillips, Nicole Arellano, Emily Valdes, Katie Mason, Olivia Chandler, (back row, left to right) Michael Trull, Olivia Neely, Regina Williams, Makaylah Small, Alexus Henson, Tammy Bates, Zykeria Harper, Tiffany Owens and Cherrell Williams. Not pictured: Instructor Christie Allen Adams.

**BSU**



**BAPTIST STUDENT UNION, GOODMAN CAMPUS**

## gaming club



**gaming club, goodman campus**

(front row, left to right) Macy Williams, Draven Howell, Austin Johnson, Lee Harmon, (second row, left to right) Hamilton Allen, Caleb Belk, Zachery Kinney, Jim Turner, Jacob Harrison, Henry Shurlds, (back row, left to right) Ramadan Awad and Adviser Jim Thompson.

## ambassadors



**ambassadors, goodman campus**

(front row, left to right) Emory Peacock, Sandy Rhea Tackett, Rayne Tate, Sarah Elizabeth Hardy, Maci Harris, Ashton Martin, Jennifer Phillips, Camillia Goodloe, (second row, left to right) Ambra McCaskill, Cassidy Sizemore, Alyssa Allen, Elise Diffey, Mallory Mackenzie, Abby Holmes, Mauri-Beth Colvin, Jordan Pritchard, Paige Wynne, Hannah Smith, Meredith Moore, Emily Ford, Jerra Jackson, Josh Haymer, Anna Claire Blaylock, Peyton Killebrew, Mary Clayton Burrell, Ethan Ables, Addison Ray, (back row, left to right) Lake Melton, Parker Belk, Clyde Dixon, Britt Grace, Spencer Burden, Logan Neal, Clayton Leathers, Isaac Moore, John Marc Sims, Parker Jones, Reed Patton, Sam Rigby, Noah Burton and Landon Rhodes. *Not pictured: Adviser Leslie Spell.*

# Student practical nursing organization



**Student practical nursing organization, attala center**

(front row, left to right) Brianna Branch, Lanie Davis, Meagan Henry, Shanice Oliver, Jh'Marra Shaw, Kristi Bagwell, Brittany McDaniel, Tiffany Sisney, Quintina Wise, (back row, left to right) Tonisha Bell, Tyshika Hawthorne, Lanikka Thompson, Carley McClain, Carrie Lee, Lexie Brown, Jordan Eldridge, Chy Dossett, LaKenya Latiker, DeNyia Woods and Markaiza Keys.

**BSU**



**Baptist student union, grenada campus**

(front row, left to right) Talor Pounds, Body Allen, Jacob Walton, Courtney Reynolds, (back row, left to right) Cammeron Kelley, Austin Beach, Kennedy Norwood, Allen Lee and Adviser Dr. Kathy Nipper.

# adn day program



**associate degree nursing day program, grenada campus**

Adrian Adams, Abby Boswell, Tykaren Carr, Teresa Collum, Miesha Conley, Hazel Curtis, Bridget Dempsey, Hydeia Edmondson, Jordan Ervin, Sarah Flatt, Shaquira Gayden, Lauren Goss, KelBrea Herndon, Shaniqua Herron, Shaquilla Isom, Andrea Jones, Peyton Jones, Raven Jones, Traci Locke, Lauren Lott, Alana Lowery, Madysen Martin, Enid McFall, Donald Medlin, Paula Nail, Breanna Nobles, Jacariah Parker, Christian Pickens, Taquita Pittman, Kendall Preston, Cisley Roncalli, Madison Shelton, Kayla Smith, Keshanna Stanton, Tayler Starnes, Hannah Streater, Jabari Terrell, Shelby Thrash, Kallye Varner, Marquita Walton, Rhyan Welch and Markesha Wilks. *Not pictured: Instructors Deandra Gibson, Theresa Hargett, Patty Jones, Gwendolyn Lordeon and Cherrie Winter.*

# adn freshmen Evening



**associate degree nursing freshmen evening program, grenada campus**

*(front row, left to right) Kanya Thomson, Morgan S. Morgan, Julie Duke, Eden Parker, Gabriella Bearden-Thompson, Angela Curry, (second row, left to right) Jerrica Davis, Keisha Williams, Shakelia Benson, Jamylee Still, (back row, left to right) Hanna Adams, Tiffany Clements, Hannah Porter, Mary Franklin and LaCharles Washington. Not pictured: Instructors Dr. Arletha Coffey, DNP, RN & Dr. Sandra Townes, PhD, RN.*

# adn SOPHOMORES Evening



**associate degree nursing Freshmen evening program, grenada campus**

(front row, left to right) Mollie Henson, Carlee Marlow, Sydney Pittman, Francesca Holiday, Alexa Hodges, Amie Blount, (second row, left to right) Akilya Bradley, Katelyn Kelly, Tina Vest, Genna Jade Ruth, Patricia Avent, (back row, left to right) Schronda Webster, Brandy Smith, Kally Kirk and Jonathan Witt. *Not pictured:* Amanda Jones, MSN, RN and Vivian McGee, MSN, RN and Jonathan Witt. *Not pictured:* Amanda Jones, MSN, RN and Vivian McGee, MSN, RN.

# adn SOPHOMORES Evening

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**associate degree nursing SOPHOMORES Evening program, December graduates, grenada campus**

(front row, left to right) Heather Hollis, Kaylin Stevens, Shelby Starnes, Kristi Sliger, Shakinah Williams, Joseph Stroud, Tatyana Oliver, Mia Pogue, Rhonda Prado, Misty Branning, Laquita Harvey, Bethany Bryant, Victoria Fears, (back row, left to right) Reid Shuffield, Tanisha Hamilton, Elizabeth Anne Orr, Karli-Gail Pirtle, Samantha Cabaniss, Ashley Morris, Shelby Lipe, Morgan Collins, Carley Benton, Emily Hodge, Kristen Lutts, Jennifer Baker, Makinzee Rone, Taffi Bennett, Brooklyn Branning, Braden Harrison, Troy Armstrong, Alaina Thompson, Lorrie Neal, Denise Donald and Betty Rodgers.

# SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY



**Surgical Technology, grenada campus**

(left to right) Yvonna Herron, Erin Bell, Amber Bonner, Allison Williams, Madison Tester and Kayla Williamson.

# Physical Therapist assistant



**Physical Therapist assistant, grenada campus**

(front row, left to right) Mary Pugh, Lindsey McLellan, Mary Cassidy McLaughlin, Karsten Denton, Tabby Byars, Shelby Ballard, Lacey R. Harris, Rebecca Christian, Allie Dunn, Savannah Gore, Ashlyn Bloom, Janie Herbert, (back row, left to right) Austin Carpenter, Derek Williford, Taylor Daniels, Alex Sizemore, Dani Denley, Taylor Shivel, Melissa West, Rainer Weeks, Abby Johnson, Amee West, Hannah Livingston, Kourtney White, D'Kedreck Partlow, Hanna Hamilton, J'Marcus Brooks and Jerad Hunt. Not pictured: Robert Scott and Instructors Dr. Meg Y. King and Andy Pearson.

# Student government association



**Student government association, grenada campus**

(front row, left to right) Ashlyn Nix, Cameren Duke, (back row, left to right) Braden Migliore, Ivey Devine, Kallee Beck, Olivia Lane and Jordan Simmons. Not pictured: Colton Reed and Adviser Haley DeNoon.

## ambassadors



**ambassadors, grenada campus**

(front row, left to right) Braden Migliore, Cameren Duke, Lindsey McLellan, Belle Sander, Cislee Trost, (back row, left to right) Caitlin Homrighausen, Ashlee Hankins, Olivia Lane, Ivey Devine, Kallee Beck and Jeb Beck.

# Student practical nursing organization



**Student practical nursing organization, grenada campus**

(front row, left to right) Mary Fike, Paisley Bell, Mallory Huffman, April Lyons, Takila Robinson, Ashli Shaw, Jimeiah Horton, Alyssa King, Tracy Leachman, Santana McKinney, De'Munica Emerson, (back row, left to right) Marvell Bradford, Jennifer Chaille, Ryan Wiltshire, Billy Glen Salley, Corey Mills, Takiyah Booker, Raishawnda Brantley, Freddie Watt, Earvonne Echols, Jessica Parker and Natalie Watkins. Not pictured: Instructor Heather Rozier.

## Phi Theta Kappa



**Phi Theta Kappa honor society, grenada campus**

(front row, left to right) Lindsey McLellan, Megan Brown, Casey Griffin, Alexis Rodgers, Olivia Lane, Cameren Duke, Madison Davis, Prashaunda West, Kalee Beck, (back row, left to right) Braden Migliore, Cade Marlow, Colby Marlow, Eva Carroll, Swayze Johnson, Zachary Wiggins, Bailey Marshall, Ivey Devine and Kendall Preston. Not pictured: Advisers Cynthia Abel and Bethany Miller.

# occupational therapy assistant



**occupational therapy assistant program, Ridgeland campus**

(front row, left to right) Jazz Shinault, Sondya Hudson, Kristyn Smith, Theresa Loris, Sarah King, Makayla Smith, Jeryl Gibson, Laurel Pope, Courtney Wooten, KN Steed, Brooke Taylor, Jameshia Hoye, Emily Mitchell, Zakaiya Wright, Mychayla Harvey, Kayla Daley, Ashley Braden Horton, Walter Harkins, (back row, left to right) Chris Havard, Erin Miller, Tylesha Davis, Tressa Harris, Valencia Curtis, Emily Sramek, Lydia Allen, Zach Goodman, Amber Anne Bergeron, Maggie Pault, Sarah Warren, Sierra Robles, Leigh Horton, Cassidy Scott, Haley Mathiews and Jordan Weeden. Not pictured: Instructors Paul Brown and Cade Montague.

## SOCIAL SCIENCE CLUB



**Social Science Club, Ridgeland campus**

(front row, left to right) Amaraha Payne, Apryle Clark, (back row, left to right) Kartina Buchanan, Adviser Makeaba Latiker and Loren Lloyd.

# SPRING DAY EMT



**Spring Day Emergency Medical Technology program, Ridgeland campus**

(front row, left to right) Reece Merchant, Shayla Wilson, Antalya Easterling, Jaylyn Crosslin, David Grant, Dalaney Bogle, Larry Brown, (back row, left to right) Christopher McMillan, Lauren Leonards, Will Perkins, Ilissa Watson, Shumaneka Manuel and Chelsea Sebren Kent. Not pictured: Instructor Sandra Hultz.

## paramedics



**paramedics program, Ridgeland campus**

(front row, left to right) Alex Robinson, Sabrina Conerly, Ashley Whitley, Courtney Moore, Erin Murphree, (second row, left to right) Justina Divine, Aleisha Moore, Cole Leber, Jeremy Cooper, (third row, left to right) Chris Elliot, Edy Paredes, Josh Burt, Marshall McKee, (back row, left to right) David Duddleston, Courtney Denham and Anna Breland. Not pictured: Instructor Yancy Brewer.

# paramedics in action



Pictured are (from left) Josh Burt, Ashley Whitley, Blake Ward, Alex Robinson, Anna Breland, Nicole Leber (standing behind Anna), Sabrina Conerly, David Duddleston and Marshall McKee at a University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) OR Simulation Lab prior to them going to OR for airway management. The students did a walk-through of what they would be doing in the OR clinical shift.



Chris Elliot is hard at work, using his skills learned at Holmes and doing his best to stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Sissy Divine is hard at work, using her skills learned at Holmes.



Josh Burt continues his EMS-Paramedic coursework at home during the COVID-19 pandemic after all classes were moved online.



Alex Robinson shows off her gear!



(left to right) EMS-Paramedic students Anna Breland and Ashley Whitley stop for a photo.

# Sigma Phi Sigma



**Sigma Phi Sigma Mortuary Science Fraternity, Ridgeland Campus**

(front row, left to right) Valorie Hays, Pete Brady, Wilsonya Mitchell, Shirley K. Hopkins, Olivia Ballenger, Instructor David Jones, (back row, left to right) Byron Stribling, Princess Jones, Zevohn Smith, Markeda Bateaste, Butch Hammack and Larkale Stokes.

# Phi Beta Lambda



**Phi Beta Lambda, Ridgeland Campus**

Noah Primer. *Not pictured:* Advisor Katrina B. Myricks.

# SPNO



**Student practical nursing organization, Ridgeland campus**

(front row, left to right) Jalyn Jones, Jerissa O'Banner, Rikia Stubblefield, Raven Carter, Latrenza Thompson, Israel Griffin, AnnaBeth Bowman, Katherine Filippou, Nikki Chance, Carmen Harper, Melissa Kese, Jasper Warren, Rashenyatta Coleman, Erica Dotson, (back row, left to right) Ja'Kayla Stewart, Christina Rushing, Linda Knight, Maxen Othello, Asia Sandifer, Danielle Floyd, Diamond McCallum, Brittany Little, Morgan Allen, Raven Calvio, Kalee Humphries and Alondrea Edwards. *Not pictured:* Instructors Dr. Lakesia Sutton and Heather Roberts.

# SkillUSA



**SkillUSA, Ridgeland campus**

(front row, left to right) John Williamson, Ariel Easterling, Shakiya Ingram, Edalit Viveros, Mayson Reeves, Braden Halstead, Advisor Heather Mooney, (second row, left to right) Emmanuel Renk, Enrique Amaro Torres, Kasey Bruckner, (third row, left to right) Zack Smith, Ryan Ard, Breland Pickering, Michael Gonzalez, Kolton Baker, (fourth row, left to right) Garret Clack, Eli Launius, (back row, left to right) Daniel Savell, Colby Fair, O'Neal Tollison and Reece Overstreet.

## ADN Freshmen



**Associate Degree Nursing Freshmen, Ridgeland Campus**

(front row, left to right) Jacy Cauthen, Autumn Jones, Allison West, Emily-Ann Mathis, Makayla Adams, Ashleigh Johnson, Nikya Journigan, Lauren Anderson, (second row, left to right) Maria Ibarra, Madison Wilson, Mallory Ballard, Markie Thomas, Bailey Parker, Georgia Watkins, Kaitlyn Baube, Josie Harris, Lauren Craft, Brian Burrough, (third row, left to right) Grace Yeager, Tori Davis, Macy Fulgham, Heather Lindsey, Megan Morris, Erin Kight, Kara Grace Lea, Jesse Pandolfo, Hannah Nash, Sarah Beth King, Mitra Ghafarianpoor, Bethany Hayes, (fourth row, left to right) Carena Lewis, Cameron Ming, Charles Wooten, Leslie Johnson, Madeline Cummins, Hannah Sandifer, McKensie Railsback, Andrea Bonner, Dreyson Thompson, Jadin Dixon, Logan Harrel, (back row, left to right) Raveen Johnson, Tiquincia Liger, Ryan Hutchinson, Scott Fields, Mackenzie Mize, Ericka Due and Nicky Johnson.

## ADN Sophomores



**Associate Degree Nursing Sophomores, Ridgeland Campus**

(front row, left to right) Hope England, Christian Bourn, Lauren Coon, Brooke Nicholson, Bayly Moss, Jenny Kennon, Megan Harrell, Raven Wilson, Hayley Chamblee, Kayla Bradley, Susan Kuntz, A'Keyia McCalpin, Maria Tello, Vandallia White, Tayler Rice, Maggie Bloodworth, Joseph Guthrie, Cassandra Newman, Ariel Hilliard, Jackson Cooper, Tamara Sims, Quentin Shines, Jr., (back row, left to right) Stacy Trejo, Marley McCarty, Kadedria Luckett, Mandi Beard, Shelby McKee, Karah Vinzant, Rae Partridge, Hannah Mabry, Sara Grace Colbert, Anna Claire Stewart, Kelly Thompson, Lyric Richards, Rebecca Strong, Cody Collier, Kristina Weathersby and Takeita McNair.

# Phi theta kappa



**Phi Theta Kappa honor society officer team, Ridgeland Campus**

(left to right) Blake Humphreys, fundraising and campus activities coordinator; Gracie MacGown, honors in action chair; Lorron LaChance, college projects chair, and Nathan Wildhaber, president. *Not pictured:* Advisers Lisa Anglin, Laura Canard and Dr. Antoine Gates.

## HALS



**HOLMES ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL STUDENTS, Ridgeland Campus**

(front row, left to right) Caylee Allday, Elizabeth Peacock, Sha'Kevia Young. (back row, left to right) Erica Leamon, Dayana Hernandez, Allison Hardy, Nataly Camacho and Mackenzie Carver. *Not pictured:* Adviser Darleen Dozier.

# Student government association



**Student government association, Ridgeland campus**

(front row, left to right) Xeric Watson, Destiny Maxwell, Bailey Stanton, Macy Gordy, Deja Sloan, McKenna Hodges, Asia Morgan, (second row, left to right) Jadyn Williams, Rachel Quinn, Joliyah Daughtry, (back row, left to right) Landon Kinney, Chester Bradshaw, India Jones, Colby Mozee and Noah Primer. Not pictured: Adviser Amanda Lindsey.

## ambassadors



**ambassadors, Ridgeland campus**

(front row, left to right) Bailee Grace Gregg, Bailey Stanton, Deja Sloan, Sam Williams, McKenna Hodges, (second row, left to right) Xeric Watson, Christy Griffith, Hannah Reeves, Mary Grace Kelley, Macy Gordy, (back row, left to right) Wesley Jacobs, Landon Kinney, Holley Yates, Colby Mozee, India Jones and Kade Clinton. Not pictured: Adviser Amanda Lindsey.

# STEM CLUB



**STEM CLUB, Ridgeland Campus**

(seated, left to right) Jasmine Allison, Aurora Sant'Angelo, Addison Stevens, Shelby Cooper, Gracie MacGown, Kaija Hayne, India Jones, (standing, left to right) Adviser Dr. Rekam Giri, Natural Sciences Department Chair Dr. Antoine Gates, Luke Langford, Justin Robinson, Tyler Wimberley, Matt Burnham, Kenneth Sanders, Bennett Pope, Nathan Wildhaber, Benjamin Crout, Andrew J. Breland, Adviser Jamie Sample, Chemistry Instructor Dr. Troy Milliken and Adviser Dr. Samuel Dasary. *Not pictured:* Adviser Lynn Boykin.

## SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY



**Surgical Technology Program, Ridgeland Campus**

(front row, left to right) Michala Hill, Cheyenne Elias, Kaleigh Turner, Kayla Neal, Belinda Warnsley, (back row, left to right) Tracey Diew, Erika Patrick, Cate Wrenn, Christin Coyle and Lauren McDonald. *Not pictured:* Instructor Shea Coleman.

# growi



## Fall growi newspaper Staff, Ridgeland campus

(left to right) Latoria Miles, Cameron Gladney, Brooke Parrett and Chris Jackson. Not pictured: Adviser Mary Margaret Busby.

## Fall growi newspaper Staff, goodman campus

Xavier Wansley. Not pictured: Adviser Mary Margaret Busby.

## Fall & Spring growi newspaper Staff, grenada campus

Talor Pounds. Not pictured: Adviser Mary Margaret Busby.

# HORIZONS



## Fall & Spring HORIZONS yearbook Staff, Ridgeland campus

(left to right) Ayliahna Wilson, Aurora Sant'Angelo, Kaitlyn Anderson and Deja Sloan. Not pictured: Adviser Mary Margaret Busby.



## Fall & Spring HORIZONS yearbook Staff, grenada campus

(left to right) Talor Pounds and Ashlee Hankins. Not pictured: Adviser Mary Margaret Busby.

# grow!



## Spring grow! newspaper Staff, Ridgeland Campus

(left to right) Angel Sawyer, Elisabeth Bailey and (in second photo) Kaitlyn Anderson. Not pictured: Adviser Mary Margaret Busby.

## Spring grow! newspaper Staff and Spring Horizons yearbook Staff, goodman campus

Tiara LeFlore. Not pictured: Adviser Mary Margaret Busby.

# HORIZONS

A photograph of two young women standing in front of a wooden wall. The word "Holmes" is written in large, red, cursive letters on the wall. The woman on the left is wearing a white sweater with red hearts and blue jeans. The woman on the right is wearing a white long-sleeved top with a black belt and black pants. To the left of the women, there is a vertical column of text.

Pictured  
(left to  
right) are  
2019-20  
yearbook  
editors  
Deja Sloan  
and Kaitlyn  
Anderson.

# athletics



From the court to the field, from the classroom to in front of a crowd, our Bulldog student-athletes give 100 percent in all they do!



# athletics

# Bulldog football





## SCORES

vs. Copiah-Lincoln CC  
L, 27-21

vs. Jones College  
L, 23-7

vs. Mississippi Gulf Coast CC  
L, 41-7

vs. Northeast Mississippi CC  
W, 14-6

vs. Northwest Mississippi CC  
W, 47-42

vs. Itawamba CC  
L, 27-21

vs. East Mississippi CC  
W, 49-42

vs. Mississippi Delta CC  
L, 46-42

\*\*\*vs. Coahoma CC  
W, 49-16

\*\*\*Homecoming

# BULLdog football

The Bulldogs ended the season with a 49-16 win over Coahoma Community College on Oct. 24, finishing the regular season play with a 4-5 record and 4-2 in the North Division.

Eleven players received postseason honors from the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges. Holmes had two First Team All-Conference players, two Second Team and five Honorable Mention players.

First Team players were: offensive lineman Tovell Henderson, Jr. of Senatobia and defensive lineman Tavian Johnson of Madison. Second Team players included kicker/punter Easton Curry of Grenada, wide receiver Caleb Ducking of Rolling Fork, running back Dylan Kelly of Pearl and linebacker Tyler Taylor of Atlanta, Ga. Honorable Mention players were quarterback Kyren Batey of Foreman, Ark., fullback Terry Bryant of Prentiss, defensive back Devlin Kirklin of Lexington, linebacker Terry McDaniel of Jackson and defensive back Cedrick Moffett of Georgetown.

Henderson played along the offensive front for two seasons for the Bulldogs. Holmes finished first in the country in rushing in yards per game with 312.4 yards per game. Johnson played along the defensive front for the last two seasons. This season, he finished with 26 tackles including 7.5 tackles for loss for 18 yards, three sacks and one forced fumble.

Curry handled punting and placekicking duties this season after only punting last season. As a punter, he had a 40.3 yard per punt average with 16 punts downed inside the 20 yard line. He was No. 6 in the NJCAA in yards per punt and had a long of 68 yards. He was 35-of-37 on extra points. Ducking finished the season with nine catches for 207 yards with three touchdowns. He also had one carry for 71 yards and a touchdown.

Kelly was the Bulldogs' third leading rusher with 426 yards on 50 carries with three touchdowns. He had one catch for 21 yards. Taylor finished the season with 47 tackles including seven tackles for loss for 28 yards, 3.5 sacks and one interception. Batey led the Bulldogs in rushing this season with 657 rushing yards on 99 carries and six touchdowns. He threw for 174 yards and three touchdowns. Bryant finished the season with 574 rushing yards on 126 carries and seven touchdowns.

Kirklin finished the season as Holmes' leading tackler with 60 tackles including 1.5 tackles for loss, one sack, two interceptions, eight pass breakups, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. McDaniel finished the season with 50 tackles including 7.5 tackles for loss, two sacks, two pass breakups and one forced fumble. Moffett had 34 tackles including one interceptions, four pass breakups, one fumble recovery and one blocked kick.

In December, the football team held their postseason banquet in the Massey Auditorium. Awards included: First Team All-MACJC, Tovell Henderson, Jr. and Tavian Johnson; Second Team All-MACJC, Tyler Taylor, Dylan Kelly, Easton Curry and Caleb Ducking; Easton Curry, MACJC Special Teams Player of the Week and NJCAA Special Teams Player of the Week one week during the season; and Kyren

Batey, MACJC Offensive Player of the Week one week during the season.

Team awards were: Tavian Johnson, Ras Branch Award; Terry Bryant, Milton Lee Olive Courage and Character Award; and Tovell Henderson, Jr., Colonel Bradly MacNealy Leadership Award. Co-Offensive Coordinators Raymond Gross and Brad Bustle were recognized by Head Coach Jeff Koonz on their No. 1 NJCAA ranking in rushing yards per game (312.4) and total rushing yards (2812).

In other news for the Bulldogs, Head Coach Jeff Koonz announced his retirement after 15 years at Holmes. He gleamed with pride when talking about his time at Holmes which saw the Bulldogs become a national powerhouse on the offensive side, especially in the running game. The Bulldogs led the MACJC in rushing the last six seasons and have finished the season as the NJCAA's No. 1 rushing offense twice in the last three seasons.

A two-time MACJC Coach of the Year and MAC Coach of the Year, Koonz holds a B.S. from SUNY-New Paltz and an M.S. from Georgia Southern University. Prior to getting into college football coaching, he played football at SUNY-Plattsburgh and returned to his alma mater, Wallkill High School, to become the head football coach. He came to Holmes as head coach from Georgia Military College, where he served as the special teams strength and conditioning and defensive line coach.

Koonz also coached the defensive line at Georgia Southern University for three seasons and served as defensive coordinator and assistant head coach at Presbyterian College. Before Presbyterian College, Koonz served as defensive line coach for one season and defensive coordinator under Coach Robert Pool and Coach Hugh Shurden. The '96 squad won the North Division Championship.

He said changing offenses was an easy choice for the Bulldogs.

"It gave us a chance," Koonz said. "That's been a part of my personal football history going all the way back to high school. We were one of the worst high school teams, and my coach came in and put in the wishbone, and in one year, won the league championship. Something we hadn't done in years. I had a chance to work at Georgia Southern and saw what it did there. It's been a recurring theme in my career in how the option has helped our programs."

"When you have 14 teams (in Mississippi) basically running the same thing, you really get diluted in your recruiting," Koonz said of the switch from the spread to flexbone attack. "The thing that it has brought to us is we're recruiting a different kid at offensive line and skill positions. Now we can get the best and not the leftovers."

Having the right coaches during the transition was the most important thing during the switch. Southwest Head Coach Tim Stowers, who is known for his flexbone prowess, served as the

offensive coordinator at Holmes prior to moving to Southwest. The Bulldogs also brought in current Holmes Co-Offensive Coordinator Raymond Gross, who played for Stowers at Georgia Southern, to help run the offense over the past six seasons.

The 2016 historical year saw the Bulldogs go 7-3 and winning their first NJCAA-sanctioned bowl game, the Graphic Edge Bowl in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Holmes finished the season as the No. 7 ranked team in the country.

"When we first came in here we weren't one of the better programs," Koonz said. "I think we've gotten it to a point we can compete with anybody, not only in our league, but nationally with the highlight of winning the bowl game."

This past season, the Bulldogs finished in a four-way tie for first place in the North Division with wins over Northwest and East Mississippi. Holmes missed out on the playoffs due to a MACJC tiebreaker rule.

"We can beat anybody on any given day," he said. "That's been a major accomplishment. I am disappointed in my nine years that we never have been able to win our division. Maybe the change will catapult to where they can take it to next level. You can definitely win here. That's what we are looking at."

"It's been a great nine seasons," Koonz said. "I'm very proud of what we've accomplished. The thing I'll miss most are the players and the people who really worked hard to help us accomplish what our mission was. That's why you do what you do. You're really helping a kid in a time in their life with a lot of needs. We have lots of success getting players to four-year schools and helping them as people."

Koonz's Bulldogs had 40 players participating at four-year universities this season. This is the largest number in school history. Since implementing the program, Holmes has produced 30 players who have played in the NFL over the last 32 years. He said he was proud to have been on the coaching staff when Pro Football Hall of Famer/NFL Top 100 player Walter Jones played for the Bulldogs.

Other players mentioned included Alvin McKinley, Chris Avery, Josiah Coatney and Javor Mills who suited up for the Bulldogs. All but Coatney also played in the NFL, but Coatney is training for the upcoming 2020 NFL draft.

"Helping them develop as players is good, but those relationships is what I'll remember most. I'm not equating the success of them making it to the NFL, that's a gift from God that enabled them to get there. The whole body of work is what I'm most proud of. How many players we helped become better husbands, fathers and

productive workers in society is what it's all about. We helped them get an education. It's not just them making it to the pros. It's the journey that got us there."

Koonz put together an outstanding coaching staff, all of which have Division I coaching experience. Coach Koonz's staff during the 2019 season had been a part of nine NCAA National Championships and 32 bowl victories.

"We had great camaraderie," he said. "They were hard workers and were pulling for the same goal. We've had some tremendous coaches here. That's one of the negatives. When you hire really good coaches they don't stay around long because they're going to have other opportunities, but that's part of running a good program. We have former coaches in the NFL, XFL and major Division I programs. That's been fun helping those coaches grow."

Koonz implemented a study hall that met three nights a week and helped his players get help in classes they may have been struggling in.

"It was a more in-depth program than what most people do," he said. "As a coach, I don't believe in peer tutors. These kids struggle in the classroom. Why not get them the best teachers. The best teachers are your instructors. That's what they do. The bottom line is you can help the kid who wants to get help."

As far as his legacy, he wants people to say that the program cared about their players and Holmes Community College.

"It's a lot of hard work," he said. "You can't always be the good guy. Sometimes you have to be the bad guy."

He also wants to be known as a "green light." "Not just on the football field," he said. "I always found a way to get it done."

He's been an innovator in promoting Holmes football. The 2014 season marked the beginning of the Jeff Koonz Coach's Show, which aired either Monday or Tuesday night from various locations throughout the district. He also created the Milton Lee Olive Scholarship in 2015. His teams have been involved in many community service projects including reading at elementary schools and doing maintenance at the gravesite of Milton Olive in Ebenezer.

Koonz and his wife, Patti, plan to retire to the panhandle of Florida. They have one son, Jeffrey, who is the special teams coordinator and linebacker coach at West Virginia University.

"I plan to get a place down in Florida, hangout and be the greatest grandpa I can be," Koonz said.



**Jeff Koonz**  
Head Coach



**Raymond Gross**  
Co-Offensive  
Coordinator



**Brad Bustle**  
Co-Offensive  
Coordinator



**Don Yanowsky**  
Defensive  
Coordinator



**Le'Marcus Gibson**  
Defensive Assistant/  
Associate Head  
Coach



**Matt Fuller**  
Volunteer Offensive  
Assistant



1 Caleb Ducking  
WR



2 Josh Clarke  
LB



3 Martavius Dill  
RB



4 Niageria Young  
DB



5 Tyler Taylor  
LB



6 Demonte Holliman  
DB



7 Antonio Thompson  
QB



8 Kam Hulin  
QB



9 Devlin Kirklin  
DB



10 Kyren Batey  
QB



11 Dylan Kelly  
RB



12 James Johnson  
LB



14 Tytus Heard  
QB



15 Jatavis Whitley  
DB



16 Cedrick Moffett  
DB



17 Kendarius Evans  
WR



18 Jha'mauri Johnson  
LB



19 Chester King  
RB



20 Dyrell Lyles  
DB



21 Edwin Herard  
LB



22 Easton Curry  
P/PK



23 Greg Evans  
RB



24 Danny Woodard  
RB



25 Braxton Ragland  
DB



26 Quentin James  
LB



27 Walter Ivory  
RB



28 Cassius Walker  
TE



29 Rasson Carr  
LB



30 Saidrick Pewitte  
DB



31 Pizarro Travis  
LB



32 Devontaye Bankston  
RB



33 Colin Hunt  
LB



34 Tyler McDaniel  
LB



35 Terry Bryant  
RB



36 Aaron Davis  
RB



37 Jay Clayton  
DB



38 Joshua Rand  
P/PK



40 Blake Calendar  
DB



42 Javontae Mathew  
RB



43 Jalin Hayes  
DB



50 Jehari Riley  
OL



52 Tovell Henderson, Jr.  
OL



54 Jameek Price  
OL



56 Monty Williams  
OL



62 Calviante Overton  
OL



66 John Jordan Jr.  
OL



70 Zameek Price  
OL



73 Jordan Boatman  
OL



75 Porter Magandy  
OL



82 Trendon Gillion  
WR



83 Blake Backel  
RB



87 Jerni White  
LS/WR



88 Tyrese Wolfe  
RB



90 Nicholas Mallett  
DL



91 Orinthia May  
DL



92 Cedric Toeson  
DL



94 Ervin Mincey  
DL



96 Charles Jefferson  
DL



98 Tavian Johnson  
DL



99 Rashard Hansbrough  
DL

# BULLdOG Tennis



Kayla Douglas



Emily Evans



Khin Lwin



Micah Douglas



Vershun Hargrove



Blaikie Langston



Tyler Mosley



Javonte Ragsdale



Cooper Reed

Head Coach  
Greg LeVert



Owen Taylor  
Volunteer  
Assistant  
Coach

# Lady Bulldog soccer





## SCORES

vs. Southwest Mississippi CC  
W, 7-1

vs. Jones College  
W, 6-1

vs. Itawamba CC  
W, 4-2

vs. East Central CC  
W, 6-2

vs. Northwest Mississippi CC  
W, 15-0

vs. LSU-Eunice  
L, 2-0

vs. Hinds CC  
W, 7-1

vs. Dyersburg State CC  
W, 15-0

vs. Mississippi Gulf Coast CC  
W, 6-0

vs. Motlow State CC  
W, 5-0

vs. Meridian CC  
W, 9-0

vs. Itawamba CC  
L, 3-2

vs. East Central CC  
W, 6-0

vs. Northwest Mississippi CC  
W, 6-0

vs. Gordon State College  
W, 4-1

vs. Oxford College of Emory University  
W, 4-3

vs. Hinds CC  
W, 3-0

vs. Jones College \*MACJC Semifinals  
W, 5-1

vs. Itawamba CC 'MACJC Tournament Finals  
W, 3-1

vs. LSU-Eunice 'Region 23 Final Finals  
W, 1-0

vs. Tyler JC \*Gulf South District Championship  
L, 7-1

# Lady Bulldog Soccer

The Lady Bulldogs finished the record-breaking season 18-3 overall with 115 goals and captured the team's first MACJC State Championship and Region XXIII Championship along the way. To celebrate the season, the coaches hosted a soccer banquet for the team on Feb. 26 in the McGowan Workforce Training Center on the Ridgeland Campus.

The banquet gave the players and coaches an opportunity to share a catered meal with friends and family as they reflected on the historic season. Each sophomore player was presented with a plaque and following the presentation, Women's Associate Head Coach Wesley Noble gave out team awards to a few standout players.

Cariel Ellis was recognized as NJCAA All American and NCJAA All Region Player of the Year. In fact, she is the first Holmes women's soccer player to be named to the NJCAA Division I Women's Soccer All-America Team. She was also named team Most Valuable Player and Golden Boot Award recipient.

Additionally, players named All Region included Zoe Ellis and Mackenzie Thompson. Zoe was named Most Valuable Offensive Player, as well, and Mackenzie received the Playmaker Award. Those named MACJC All State were: Lanee Chandler, Kya Davis, Halleigh Steed and Carly Williams. Halleigh was also named Most Valuable

Defensive Player. The Leadership Award went to Alysia Terry, and Laney Smith was named Most Improved. Finally, the Bulldog Awards went to Caseigh Hickman and Peyton Montgomery.

"The 2019 women's soccer team was a very special group," Coach Noble said.

In addition, Holmes hosted the 2019 MACJC All-Star Games on the Ridgeland Campus on Nov. 16. Representing Holmes on the North Division team included: Kya Davis, Zoe Ellis, Halleigh Steed and Alysia Terry. Ellis was named a Most Valuable Player for the tournament.

Off the field, the Lady Bulldogs continued working hard in the classroom and out serving in the local community. The Lady Bulldogs finished the semester with a 3.64 team GPA. Additionally, 11 players had perfect 4.0 GPAs, 21 players made the President's or Dean's List and 24 out of 27 had a 3.0 GPA or higher. The United Soccer Coaches presented the Lady Bulldogs with a Team Academic Award in honor of their accomplishments.

Out in the community, the team served in a variety of ways. One community service initiative was working the carpool line at Madison-Ridgeland Academy for a week. The Lady Bulldogs also assisted with the 7v7 Girls High School Soccer Tournament held on the Ridgeland Campus in June.





**0 Kennedi Richardson**  
Goalkeeper



**1 Carly Williams**  
Goalkeeper



**2 Bailey Thompson**  
Forward



**3 Casey Rhone**  
Midfielder



**4 Angel Cummings**  
Defender



**5 Jocelyn Fernandez**  
Midfielder



**6 Lainee Chandler**  
Midfielder



**7 Caseigh Hickman**  
Defender



**9 Reagan Savell**  
Midfielder



**10 Isabella Wade**  
Forward



**11 Hannah Dowty**  
Forward



**12 Halleigh Steed**  
Defender



**13 Laney Smith**  
Forward



**14 Kya Davis**  
Midfielder



**15 Anna King**  
Defender



**17 Ja'LAYcia Brown**  
Forward



**18 Peyton Montgomery**  
Midfielder



**20 Cameron Gladney**  
Defender



**22 Zoe Ellis**  
Defender



**23 Elizabeth Jackson**  
Defender



**24 Alyssia Terry**  
Defender



**25 Mackenzie Thompson**  
Forward



**29 Cariel Ellis**  
Forward



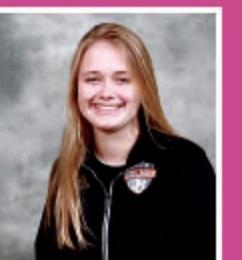
**Bailee Grace Gregg**  
Manager



**Alyssa Madrid**  
Manager



**Emily Vandennieuwboer**  
Manager



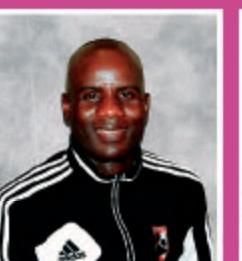
**Ravynne Wilson**  
Manager



**Matt Convertino**  
Men's and Women's  
Head Soccer Coach



**Wesley Noble**  
Women's Associate  
Head Coach



**Ousmane Coulibaly**  
Women's Assistant  
Coach



**Jaylon Robinson**  
Goalkeeper Coach



**Humberto Pelaez**  
Volunteer Assistant  
Coach



**Keith Comish**  
Volunteer Assistant  
Coach

# BULLDOG SOCCER





## SCORES

vs. Southwest Mississippi CC  
T, 1-1

vs. Jones College  
L, 4-1

vs. Itawamba CC  
L, 3-0

vs. East Central CC  
W, 3-2

vs. Northwest Mississippi CC  
L, 1-0

vs. LSU-Eunice  
L, 9-0

vs. Hinds CC  
L, 4-2

vs. Mississippi Gulf Coast CC  
L, 6-0

vs. Andrew College @ Meridian  
W, 4-2

vs. Meridian CC  
L, 3-2

vs. Southwest Mississippi CC  
L, 2-1

vs. Itawamba Community CC  
L, 4-0

vs. East Central CC  
L, 3-1

vs. Northwest Mississippi CC  
T, 1-1

vs. Oxford College of Emory  
University  
W, 4-1

vs. Hinds CC  
L, 2-1

# BULLDOG SOCCER

The Bulldogs finished the season 3-11-2 overall. Over the course of the 16 games played, they had 21 goals. To celebrate this year's team, Men's Associate Head Coach Ousmane Coulibaly and Head Soccer Coach Matt Convertino held an awards ceremony on Feb. 25 in the Student Union on the Ridgeland Campus.

During the ceremony, Brady Jacobs of Cantonment, Florida, was recognized as All-Region, Most Valuable Player and Golden Boot Award recipient. Earlier in the season, he was named MACJC Offensive Player of the Week for his play in the match versus Northwest Mississippi Community College where he scored three goals and had one assist.

Brandon King of Southaven was recognized as All-State and was the Bulldog Leadership Award winner. Alex Barker of Madison was named Most Improved, Lawson Lyle of Brandon took home the Sportsmanship Award and Andres Mendez of Grenada received the Playmaker Award. In addition, Colby Fair of Southaven was named Most Valuable Defender and Darrell Grantham of Pearl was named Most Valuable Midfielder.

Each sophomore player was also presented a plaque with a photo of the team on it. Sophomore players included Colby Fair, Osbald Gayton, Harrison Hodge, Brady Jacobs, Wesley Jacobs and Brandon King.

Additionally, Holmes hosted the 2019 MACJC All-Star Games on the Ridgeland Campus on Nov. 16. Representing Holmes on the North Division team included: Brady Jacobs, Cameron Bell, Colby Fair and Brandon King.

Off the field, the Bulldogs stayed busy working hard in the classroom and out serving in their local community. On the team, 11 of the student-athletes finished the semester with a 3.25 GPA or higher. Aaron Lincoln, Michael Gonzalez and Cameron Grantham made the President's List; Parker Francis, Wesley Jacobs and Chandler Thornton made the Dean's List and Harrison Hodge, Kyle Kirtley, Lawson Lyle, Andres Mendez and Will Perkins were Honorable Mentions.

Out in the community, the Bulldogs served by working the carpool line at Madison-Ridgeland Academy for a week and by assisting with the 7v7 Boys High School Soccer Tournament held on the Ridgeland Campus in June.

"This year's team persevered in every way possible even though some of the results were not we had hoped for," Coach Coulibaly said. "The improvement in each and every player was very noticeable and it was a pleasure working with this great group of young men. The quote below from the legendary basketball player Michael Jordan sums up this year's team spirit and mentality: 'Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.'"





0 Will Perkins  
Goalkeeper



1 Colby Fair  
Goalkeeper



2 William Francis  
Defender



3 Wesley Jacobs  
Defender



4 Harrison Hodge  
Defender



5 Alex Barker  
Defender



6 Cameron Bell  
Defender



7 Darrell Grantham  
Midfielder



8 Osbaldo Gaytan  
Midfielder



9 Luis Oseguera  
Midfielder



10 Brady Jacobs  
Midfielder



11 Brandon King  
Defender



12 Lawson Lyle  
Midfielder



13 Kyle Kirtley  
Midfielder



14 Michael Wood  
Forward



15 Chandler Thornton  
Midfielder



16 Juan Molina  
Midfielder



17 Jorge Ulloa  
Midfielder



18 Connor Clarke  
Forward



19 Aaron Lincoln  
Forward



20 Michael Gonzalez  
Defender



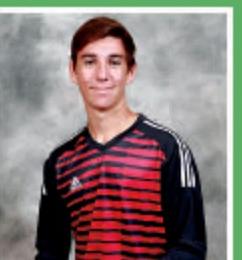
21 Andres Mendez  
Forward



23 Rhybert McNab  
Forward



24 Will Diaz  
Defender



31 Beau Bartholomew  
Goalkeeper



Skylar Cunningham  
Manager



Aaron Darby  
Manager



Matt Convertino  
Men's and Women's  
Head Soccer Coach



Wesley Noble  
Women's Associate  
Head Coach



Ousmane Coulibaly  
Women's Assistant  
Coach



Jaylon Robinson  
Goalkeeper Coach



Humberto Pelaez  
Volunteer Assistant  
Coach



Keith Comish  
Volunteer Assistant  
Coach

# Lady Bulldog Basketball



## SCORES



vs. Copiah-Lincoln CC  
L, 75-56

vs. Southern Arkansas University Tech  
W, 68-59

vs. Jones College  
L, 73-55

vs. Hinds CC  
L, 47-46

vs. East Central CC  
L, 83-59

vs. Baton Rouge CC  
W, 64-56

vs. Shelton State CC  
L, 74-49

vs. East Central CC  
L, 71-53

vs. Baton Rouge CC  
L, 68-66

vs. Delgado CC  
W, 56-51

vs. Southern Arkansas University Tech  
W, 92-57

vs. East Mississippi CC  
L, 55-36

vs. Mississippi Delta CC  
L, 56-53

vs. Coahoma CC  
W, 46-44

vs. Northeast Mississippi CC  
W, 47-46

vs. Northwest Mississippi CC  
W, 61-58

vs. Itawamba CC  
L, 64-52

vs. East Mississippi CC  
L, 73-49

vs. Mississippi Delta CC  
W, 68-62

vs. Coahoma CC  
W, 69-63

vs. Northeast Mississippi CC  
W, 66-64

vs. Northwest Mississippi CC  
L, 85-79

vs. Itawamba CC  
W, 64-43

vs. Southwest Mississippi CC  
L, 62-56

# BULLDOG WOMEN'S basketball

The Lady Bulldogs finished the season 11-13 overall out of the 24 games they played. They averaged 58.8 points per game and finished 7-5 in their Conference Division.

Freshman guard Gabrielle Bunch of Laurel was named Second Team All-State by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges for her play this season.

Bunch played in all 24 games for the Lady Bulldogs this season. She averaged 14.1 points per game and 5.4 rebounds per game. Bunch shot 40.3 percent from the floor (116-of-288), 28.2 percent from three-point range (31-of-11) and 68.2 percent from the free-throw line (75-of-110).

"I am extremely proud of the Lady Bulldogs and our overall achievements this season," said Head Women's Basketball Coach Jamilah Andrews. "Our group of nine players were made up of one sophomore and eight

freshmen, yet these ladies showed maturity and growth finishing our regular season with an advancement to the MACJC State tournament. Not only were the ladies resilient on the court, but off the court as well.

"This year, we had the privilege of giving back to the community by volunteering at Durant's Nursing Home, Batson Children's Hospital, Goodman-Pickens Elementary School and as judges for the Goodman Christmas Parade. Three out of our five in-district players earned academic honors; Jordyn Manning and Tniniyah Jones made the President's List and Jalaceia Smith made the Dean's List.

"Also, Gabrielle Bunch of Jones County was selected as a MACJC Second Team All-State recipient. If I had to sum it up in one word, I would say this 2019-20 team's success was because of their accountability. We set goals and the ladies were not satisfied until they were achieved. This will definitely be a fun group to watch next season!"





1 Judnissia Straughter  
Guard



2 Jordyn Manning  
Guard



3 Shawanda Gray  
Guard



4 Jamaya Redd  
Guard



5 Gabrielle Bunch  
Guard



10 Kierra Neal  
Guard



11 Jalaceia Smith  
Forward/Center



12 Brysa Maxwell  
Guard/Forward



14 Aeriel Edwards  
Guard



15 Tniniyah Jones  
Guard/Forward



21 Nekeyvia McKenzie  
Guard



23 Morgan Williams  
Guard



30 Zaniyah Bogan  
Forward/Center



Jamilah Johns Andrews  
Head Coach

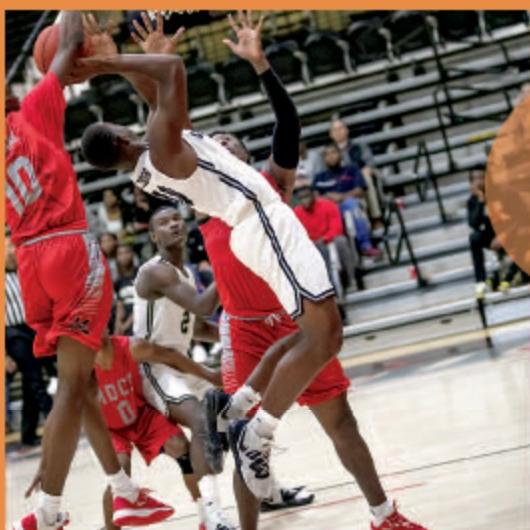


Amber Clay  
Assistant Coach

# Bulldog Basketball



## SCORES



vs. Copiah-Lincoln CC  
W, 65-52

vs. Southern Arkansas University Tech  
L, 72-71

vs. Jones College  
L, 87-75

vs. Hinds CC  
W, 87-75

vs. East Central CC  
L, 87-75

vs. Baton Rouge CC  
W, 77-66

vs. East Central CC  
W, 85-81

vs. Baton Rouge CC  
W, 75-68

vs. Delgado CC  
W, 79-64

vs. Southwest Tennessee CC  
W, 73-50

vs. Southern Arkansas University Tech  
W, 86-64

vs. East Mississippi CC  
L, 70-66

vs. Mississippi Delta CC  
W, 78-56

vs. Coahoma CC  
W, 64-62

vs. Northeast Mississippi CC  
L, 82-79

vs. Northwest Mississippi CC  
L, 62-56

vs. Itawamba CC  
L, 82-64

vs. East Mississippi CC  
L, 66-65

vs. Mississippi Delta CC  
W, 74-66

vs. Coahoma CC  
W, 83-77

vs. Northeast Mississippi CC  
L, 82-59

vs. Northwest Mississippi CC  
L, 81-75

vs. Itawamba CC  
W, 64-60

# BULLDOG BASKETBALL

The Bulldogs finished the 2019-20 season 13-10 overall. In the 23 games they were able to play, they averaged 72.8 points and finished 5-7 in the North Division.

Additionally, sophomore forward Josiah Lewis of Grenada was named Second Team All-State by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges for his play this season. Lewis played in all 23 games for the Bulldogs this season, averaging 11.6 points per game and nine rebounds per game. Lewis shot 54.6 percent from the floor (101-of-105) and 55.1 percent from the free-throw line (65-of-118).

In the fall of 2019, Holmes Head Men's Basketball Coach Jason Flanigan announced the hiring of Eric Colbert as assistant basketball coach. Colbert, a native of Compton, California, brings to Holmes 11 years of NJCAA coaching experience and two years of NCAA Div. I experience. Colbert's NJCAA experience includes stints at Independence Community College, Angelina College, Pratt Community College and Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas. At Angelina College, Colbert was a part of the winningest season for a first-year staff and a semifinal finish in the Region XIV Tournament during the 2017 season. At Pratt Community College, he helped lead

the team to an East Zone Championship (2016), and at Navarro College, he was on a staff that won three Regional Championships (2009, 2010, 2012) and one Conference Championship (2013). The 2010 team made it to the Final Four in the NJCAA Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.

He spent two seasons as the Player Development Coach under Doc Sadler at the University of Nebraska and was a member of a staff that won 20 games and made the NIT tournament before losing to Ole Miss.

Colbert attended Verbum Dei High School in Watts, California participating in football and basketball, where he was a member of the 1994 CIF Championship team. He then played two seasons at Compton Community College and completed his collegiate career at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California.

Colbert has had 54 players he recruited directly transfer to NCAA Division I and II levels, has coached three NJCAA All-Americans and 23 All Region players. He is the son of Chester and Lee Etta Colbert and has one son, Brayden Sidney Colbert.



Javarius Brewer  
Manager



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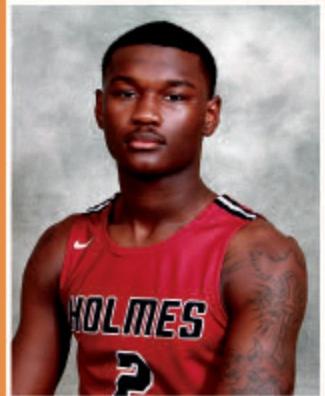
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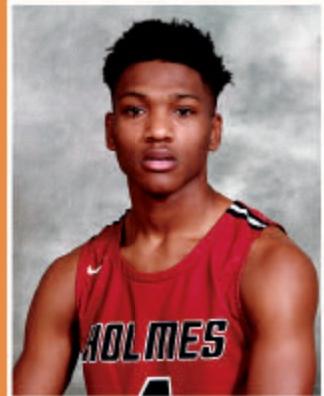
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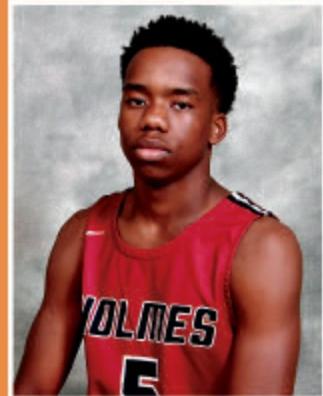
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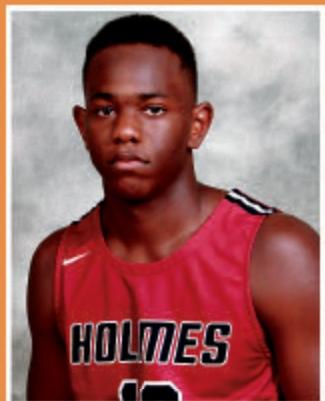
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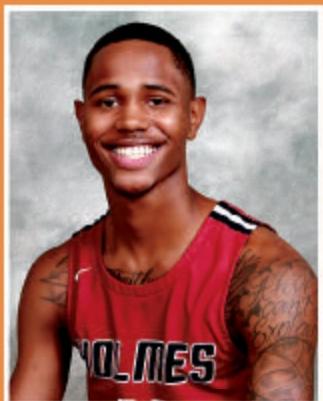
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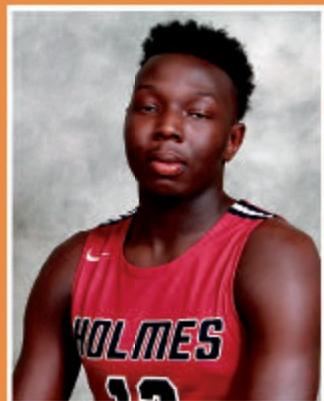
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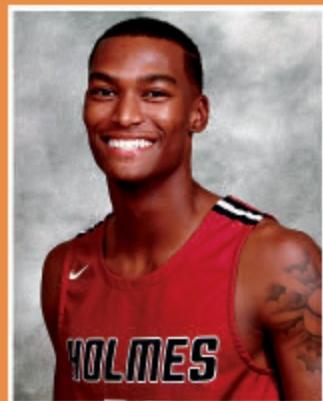
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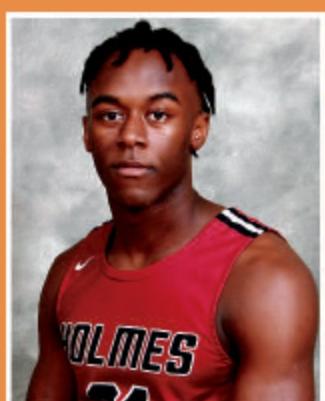
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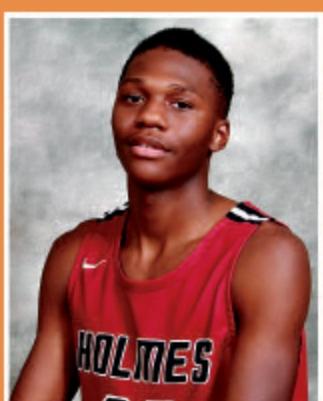
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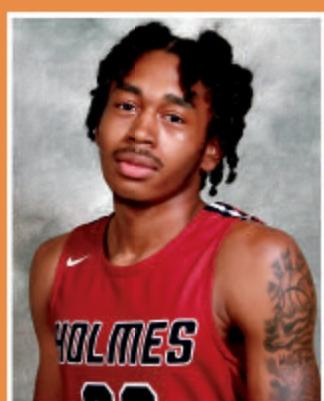
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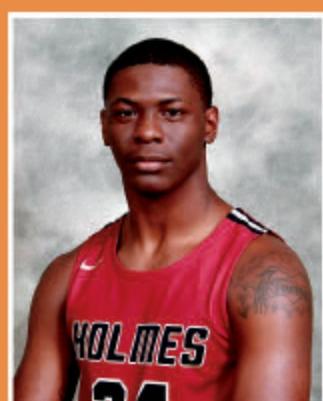
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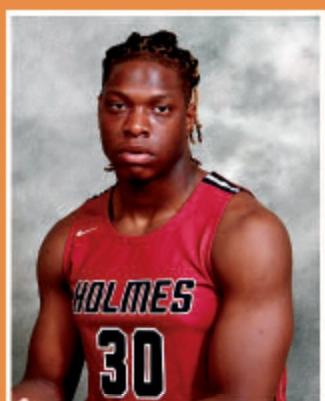
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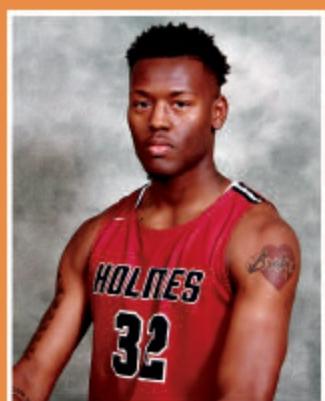
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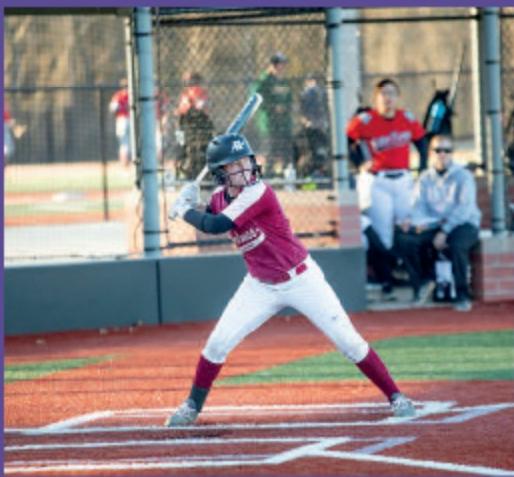
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# Bulldog softball





## SCORES

vs. Bishop State Community College  
L, 11-3

vs. Bishop State Community College  
W, 9-8

vs. Dyersburg State Community College  
L, 6-1

vs. Dyersburg State Community College  
L, 7-5

vs. Baton Rouge Community College  
@ Brandon, MS  
L, 12-5

vs. Parkland College  
@ Brandon MS  
L, 7-5

vs. Mississippi Delta Community College  
W, 15-6

vs. Mississippi Delta Community College  
W, 19-12

vs. Marion Military Institute  
L, 5-1

vs. Marion Military Institute  
L, 6-4

# BULLDOGS SOFTBALL

The Lady Bulldogs finished the season with 3-7 overall. Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, they were unable to finish the season and only got to play 10 games. During those 10 games, the Lady Bulldogs had 67 runs, eight home runs and a .368 batting average.

"Since I was a fill-in, I really enjoyed getting to know the kids," Interim Coach Ricky Casey said. "That was one of the things I miss about coaching. I had recruited the sophomores, but not any of the freshmen. They were a great group to work with. I hate it all ended the way it did. I was excited to see how good they would be."

In other softball news, Trae Embry was hired as the new softball coach for 2020-21. He has won the last seven fast pitch state titles and the last eight slow pitch state titles at Neshoba County High School. The Lady Rockets won district titles in slow pitch each season and won district titles in fast pitch from 2014-2019. The team is currently competing in their 2020 season. The 2018 team was No. 1 in the USA Today poll. His team produced Gatorade Players of the Year from 2014-2018.

Prior to Embry coming to Neshoba Central, he served as head coach of the slow pitch and fast pitch programs at Eupora High School winning the state title in 2005 and 2007 in slow pitch and the fast pitch state title from 2005-2007. His 2008 team was the state runner-up, was district champions from 2002-2008 and 2011 and was North Half champions 2005-2008. Prior to this season, Embry had an overall coaching record of 428-72 and an overall slow pitch record of 413-104.

"I'm thankful to Dr. Haffey and Coach Wood for this opportunity," Embry said. "I've always known Holmes could be a place where you could win softball games," Embry said. "It's a great opportunity for me and my family."

Holmes is getting ready to start the renovation of the maintenance building into a multi-purpose facility for football, baseball and softball with a large weight room and indoor turf.

"I think there are some facility upgrades that are really

going to help in recruiting and help in getting the team ready to play for championships," Embry said. "I've seen the blueprints for that. It gives you an opportunity to work every day and not really take days off."

Embry said good players, coaches and a great relationship with administration has made him be successful at Neshoba Central.



Trae Embry

"I've been fortunate to have great players, great assistant coaches and administration that backs us," Embry said. "I expect a top notch work ethic from players and coaches and that we just really believe going in that we have a great opportunity to outwork everybody we play."

"I expect that we are going to compete on a high level with high energy," he said. "I feel like the players I play with know we have to adjust. We've been fortunate to really have good pitching the last few years, and we have to be able to small ball and score runs."

"I'm pretty high energy," he said. "I've calmed down in the last few years, but I am pretty high strung. I know what we put into it. When kids see how much it means to me it seems like it just overflows into them and make them want to play that much harder."

Embry's personal honors include: Mississippi Association of Coaches Coach of the Year, 2006 and 2013; National Federation of High school Coaches Association State Coach of the year, 2006, 2013, 2015, 2017; District 4 Coach of the Year, 2004; MACJ Fast Pitch All-Star Coach, 2006; NEMSAP Fast Pitch All-Star Coach, 2003; MAC Slow Pitch All-Star Coach, 2011; Clarion Ledger Coach of the Year, 2005, 2015, 2018, 2019; Mississippi Prep Coach of the Year, 2017-18; and NHSACA National Coach of the Year Finalist, 2018.

Embry's a member of the Mississippi Association of Educators, the Mississippi Association of Coaches and a member of the Northeast Mississippi Softball Coaches Association. He and his wife, Tera, have two children: Hayden, 20, and Mary Claire, 11.



**1 Summer Jordan**  
INF



**2 Katie Dana**  
P/OF/INF



**3 Hannah Champion**  
P/OF



**4 Shawanda Gray**  
INF



**5 Madilyn Manor**  
INF/C



**7 Malita Chaffier**  
INF



**8 Kailey Chachere**  
C/UTL



**9 Shelby Lindsay**  
OF/C



**10 Kylie Richardson**  
C/INF



**11 Teagun Barnes**  
OF



**14 Madeline McCown**  
OF



**15 Josie Reed**  
OF



**16 Jessica Mitchell**  
P/INF



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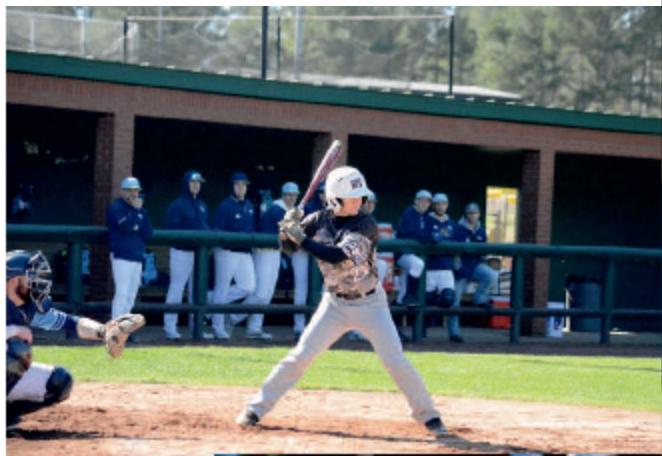


**Ricky Casey**  
Head Coach



**Karisa Coleman**  
Assistant Coach

# Bulldog baseball





## SCORES

vs. Nunez Community College  
L, 14-4

vs. Nunez Community College  
L, 7-6

vs. MUW  
W, 12-1

vs. MUW  
L, 3-1

vs. Wallace Community College-  
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W, 8-3

vs. Wallace Community College-  
Selma  
L, 9-8

vs. Blue Mountain College  
W, 8-5

vs. Blue Mountain College  
W, 19-10

vs. Blue Mountain College  
W, 11-1

vs. Blue Mountain College  
W, 11-0

vs. Nunez Community College  
L, 4-3

vs. Nunez Community College  
W, 5-4

vs. Crowley's Ridge College  
W, 21-3

vs. Crowley's Ridge College  
W, 14-7

# BULLdog Baseball

The "Dirtbags" baseball team finished the season with a 9-5 average overall. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they were unable to finish the season and only got to play 14 games. During those 14 games, the Bulldogs had 131 runs, 10 home runs and a .399 batting average.

Freshman infielder/outfielder Cole Drake of Brandon was named MACJC Baseball Player of the Week for his play in the games on March 9 against Crowley's Ridge College.

Drake, who played at Brandon High School, received the MACJC's final player of the week honor after the MACJC and NJCAA canceled the remainder of the season due to the coronavirus.

In two games on March 9, Drake was 5-of-7 scoring six runs. He had four RBI, five stolen bases with one double and a three-run homerun.

At the beginning of the season, Trey Bowman joined the Bulldog baseball coaching staff as an assistant coach. Bowman, who played for Head Coach Kenny Dupont during the 2006 and 2007 seasons, earned All-State honors and a starting pitcher record of 14-3.

Following his playing time at Holmes, Bowman served as the pitching coach at University of Arkansas-Monticello in 2008, coached during the summer of 2009 at East Central Community College, the head coach at Winston Academy in 2010 and assistant coach at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in 2011. Bowman served as an associate scout for the Baltimore Orioles from 2007-2011.

After the 2011 season, Bowman went to work for a national turfgrass company. After years of leading his division and the nation in sales, Bowman started his own environmental pipeline restoration company. After several successful entrepreneurial adventures in the timber industry, real estate and media, Bowman sought public office in 2019. Coach Bowman resides in Ackerman with his wife, Lara, and son, Bo.

In other baseball news, Head Coach Kenny Dupont announced that he was retiring from Holmes at end of 2019-20 school year. He came into the 2020 season as one of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges' (MACJC) all-time winningest coaches ranking sixth with 557. With the season ending so suddenly Dupont will end his career at Holmes with a phenomenal record of 566 wins and 273 losses.

After Dupont announced his retirement, Holmes named

Madison native Scott DeLoach as the new head baseball coach. DeLoach, who was an All-State selection and state champion at Madison Central, was a standout catcher for the Mississippi State University Bulldogs and the Itawamba Community College Indians. He will bring nine years of coaching experience to Holmes.



Scott DeLoach

"First and foremost I want to thank Dr. Haffey and Andy Wood for this opportunity and the rest of the administration at Holmes," DeLoach said. "Being a head coach is something that I've wanted to do for a very long time and being able to get that opportunity at such a great institution is something I can be very proud of. I can't wait to get in there and get rolling with these guys."

DeLoach got into coaching in June 2011 as a volunteer coach at Millsaps College. He remained in that position until September 2013 when he became assistant coach at East Central Community College in Decatur before returning back to Millsaps as assistant coach in July 2014 under Head Coach Jim Page.

At Millsaps, DeLoach coached six All-Americans; 10 members of the All-South Region team; one All-South Region Players of the Year; 49 All-Conference players; and one Conference Player of the Year. Millsaps won the SAA regular season and tournament championship in 2013; NCAA Regional appearances in 2012 and 2013; and the NCAA Division III World Series in 2013.

As a player, he played three seasons at Mississippi State redshirting his junior year. He started his senior season as a catcher and led the team with a .353 average including seven doubles, one triple, one home run, and 21 RBIs in 47 games played. During his time with the Bulldogs, DeLoach was a member of the team in 2007 that reached the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska.

Prior to MSU, DeLoach began his college career at Itawamba Community College, where he played two seasons and was named the MACJC and NJCAA XXIII Defensive Player of the Year in 2006. He led Itawamba to a 41-16 record and advanced to the NJCAA Super Regionals in St. Catherine, Kentucky.

DeLoach holds an Associate of Arts degree from Itawamba Community College, a bachelor's in kinesiology from MSU and a master's in sports administration from MSU. He and his wife, Caroline, have one son, Houston, who is one.



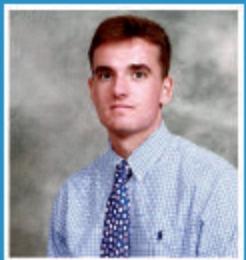
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OF



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INF



5 **Alex Frillman**  
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6 **Austin Telano**  
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8 **Dalton Luke**  
INF



10 **Hunter Dykes**  
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11 **Dalton Massingill**  
RHP



12 **Jaylen Armstrong**  
LHP/OF



14 **Nate Oswalt**  
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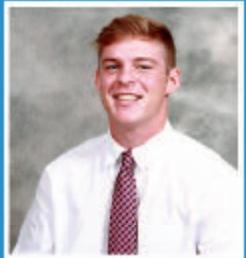
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17 **Cole Drake**  
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18 **Cade Pinnix**  
C/INF



19 **Matthew Koch**  
RHP



21 **Cade Johnson**  
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INF/RHP



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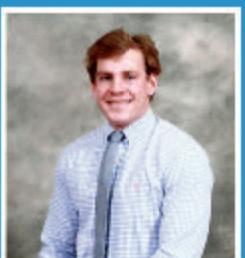
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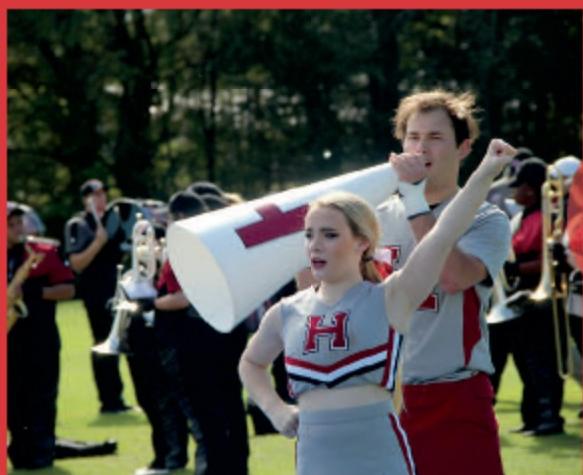
**Kenny Dupont**  
Head Coach



**Trey Bowman**  
Assistant Coach

# Bulldog Cheer





# BULLDOG CHEER

The Holmes cheerleaders had a busy year, full of performances, leading crowds, serving the community and more. Prior to the start of the school year, the squad shined during the 2019 UCA College Spirit Camp. They won first place for their TimeOut Routine, second place in the Sideline Category and third for their Fight Song. They were also the Open Coed Division Game Day Champions.

Throughout the school year, the cheerleaders performed at numerous pep rallys, including district high school pep rallys, and cheered the Bulldogs on through many exciting football and basketball games. Off the field and court, they stayed active on campus and in the community.

They served as first day of school greeters for Holmes County and Yazoo County school districts, participated in Homecoming and Christmas parades, participated in

"Cruising for a Cure" breast cancer awareness event and assisted with campus recruiting events such as Major Experience and Freshman Friday. The cheerleaders volunteered at the Mississippi Special Olympics, as well, helping with cheerleading and football. Bully, dressed up as "Bully Claus," also made appearances on campus and at a basketball game.

Head Coach Heather Jones made sure her squad not only gave their all in everything they did, but also learned leadership skills and the importance of service. She also made sure they understood the importance of academic excellence. In the fall, the squad had a team GPA average of 3.24 with 55 percent of the squad on either the President's or Dean's List. Overall, it was a great year for the Bulldogs cheerleaders!





Jason Ables



Delancy Anderson



Johnna Beavers



Ty Blackstock



Spencer Burden



Caleb Chisholm



Mauri-Beth Colvin



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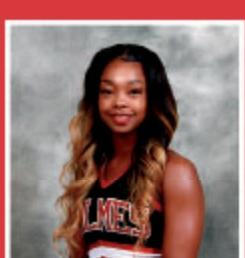
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Heather Jones  
Head Coach

# '19 Sports hall of fame



Pictured are 2019 Sports Hall of Fame inductees with (*left*) Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey. The inductees are (*left to right*) Robert Gates, Tony Stanford, Sheila Sullivan Hickman, Richard Akins and Gregory Neal Holloway.

On April 4, the Holmes Community College Alumni Association inducted five former athletes into the 2019 Sports Hall of Fame in Frank Branch Coliseum in Goodman. The inductees included: Richard Wayne Akins, football; Robert William Gates, football; Sheila Sullivan Hickman, women's basketball coach; Gregory Neal Holloway, soccer and John Anthony "Tony" Stanford, football.

## **Richard Wayne Akins**

A native of Attala County, Richard Akins graduated from Ethel High School before enrolling in Holmes in the fall of 1973. Akins played football for Tommy Davis and ran track for Ode Burrell.

"I received great mentorship and guidance from the coaches and teachers at Holmes," Akins said. "They helped instill great work ethic and drive in me to achieve my goals."

After Holmes, he coached football at Grenada High School and Horn Lake High School. In 1983, Akins went to work at Mississippi State University as a strength and conditioning coach. Akins continued his education at MSU, earning a bachelor's degree, master's degree and a specialist degree in education with an emphasis in school administration.

As a strength and conditioning coach at MSU, some of the teams he worked with were very successful. Men's basketball had eight SEC Western Division Champions, seven NCAA Tournament appearances, two NIT appearances, one Final Four appearance in 1996 and one SEC Tournament Championship; Women's Basketball had five NCAA Tournament appearances, six WNIT appearances and one Sweet Sixteen appearance in 2009; MSU Baseball (1983-2004) had 21 NCAA Regional or Super

Regional appearances and three SEC Tournament Champions; and Women's Soccer had one SEC West Championship under their belt.

"I made some great friendships while at Holmes and am blessed to still have them in my life today," Akins said. "My fondest memory will always be meeting my best friend and the love of my life, my wife."

Akins and his wife, Cindy, live in Raymore, Missouri now. They have two children Ronald (41) and Elizabeth (39). Akins and his wife still visit the Starkville area on a regular basis.

## **Robert William Gates**

Robert Gates hails from Decatur, Georgia, where he attended Cedar Grove High School. He played football at Holmes for the 1995 and 1996 seasons under Head Coach Hugh Shurden and Position Coach Jeff Koonz. Gates enjoyed Holmes because his coaches gave him a chance to prove and make something of himself.

"Holmes was an eye-opening experience for me as a student athlete and I am forever grateful to my coaches for their interest in me," Gates said.

As a defensive back at Holmes, Gates played alongside other Holmes Sports Hall of Famers, Chris Avery and Alvin McKinley. Gates was recognized as First Team JUCO All-American and All-Region 23 in 1996. He was credited with 67 tackles, including 36 solo hits, during his sophomore season. He also caused five fumbles, and had 21 QB pressures that season. The mighty Bulldogs of the 1996 season were the first to win the North Division since 1988.

Gates earned his associate degree from Holmes and continued on to the University of Mississippi where he lettered twice with the football team. After the University of Mississippi, Gates played Arena Football in Richmond, Virginia.

"Holmes prepared me well for the next level in the classroom and as an athlete by helping me be disciplined," Gates said.

Gates lives and works in Decatur, Georgia today. He is a full-time HVAC technician and part-time insurance claims adjuster and home inspector.

#### **Sheila Sullivan Hickman**

A native of Winston County, Sheila Sullivan Hickman served as the Holmes women's basketball coach from 1978-1987. Upon graduation from Louisville High School, she attended and played basketball at the University of Mississippi. While playing in college, she became the first player to score 1,000 points for her career and she did it in only three years. She finished with 1,475 points and currently ranks 10th on the all-time list.

After earning her bachelor's and master's from the University of Mississippi, she furthered her education with a Doctorate in Educational Leadership at Mississippi State University. Hickman started her coaching career as the University of Mississippi graduate assistant for the women's basketball team. She was drafted by the Milwaukee Does of the Women's Professional Basketball League.

"I enjoyed celebrating with players who received special honors such as Homecoming Queen and All-Stars," Hickman said.

One of her fondest memories from Holmes was informing her team of their national no. 5 ranking and reminding them what it took to get in that spot. Parents would often host fish fries and various other events for the teams when she coached at Holmes which also made her experience very memorable. After coaching at Holmes, Hickman returned to Louisville High School as the girls' basketball coach and tennis coach. As her position evolved, she served as assistant athletic director and school administrator.

Among Hickman's career accomplishments, she has been president of the M-Club at the University of Mississippi, and inducted into the Ole Miss Sports Hall of Fame in 1995. She been part of the Southeastern Conference Women's League and served on numerous boards, committees and clubs in her area. Hickman and her husband, Hap, live in Louisville. They are both retired, but still involved in their community and attend First Methodist Church.

#### **Gregory Neal Holloway**

A native of Byram and a graduate of Terry High School, Gregory Holloway played soccer on the Ridgeland Campus during the 2003-2004 season.

"The entire experience, the team experience at Holmes was memorable," Holloway said. "Being able to be part of a community of like-minded people who enjoyed the same thing, who were all having fun together, competing together and really desiring to win together was a great experience."

When Holloway played at Holmes, the soccer program was very young and

in its seventh year. The team consisted of two sophomores and one of them was Holloway. He played under Coach Matt Convertino and the team finished the year with more wins than the last four seasons combined.

"I don't think I could be prouder," Coach Convertino said. "Even though the team consisted of almost entirely freshmen, the players were willing to buy into the playing philosophy that I was selling from day one."

Holloway continued on to Mississippi College to earn a bachelor's in accounting. His first job after MC was with Harold Contracting, a general contracting firm in Florida, on their estimate and bidding team. Later, he moved to their program management team and began building high-rise condominiums.

After working with Harold Contracting Group, he moved in as a partner with Tenax Aerospace, LLC. Tenax was a special mission leasing company that leased aircrafts to different government entities. In January 2018, Tenax Aerospace was sold to another investment firm in Connecticut. While owning Tenax Aerospace, Holloway invested in a lot of different companies of diverse backgrounds; including everything from commercial real-estate to manufacturing.

Holloway and his wife, Traci, live in Madison with their two children, Eli and Mattie.

#### **John Anthony "Tony" Stanford**

Tony Stanford came to Holmes after graduation from Winona High School and played football. He attended Holmes from 1972-74 and played for Tommy Davis, Ode Burrell and Quimby Morgan.

"I enjoyed the comradery with my fellow football players in the dressing room after practice and the good times shared after football games," Stanford said. "These were players you competed against in high school but now we were all on the same team."

Stanford continued on to Delta State University where he earned a B.S. in Education. He also focused on what skills he would need to become a coach while at Delta State which led him to his first coaching job at Carroll Academy. In 1986, Stanford earned a Master of Education from Mississippi State University. Coaching was a calling for Stanford; he has made a 43-year-career out of it. He has coached all over Mississippi and is still coaching today at Starkville Academy.

During Stanford's coaching career, he has been very active in the Mississippi Association of Coaches (for 43 years) including being past president. He has had many achievements such as MAC Coaches Hall of Fame (2013) and 4A State Championship (1995), to name a few. Stanford and his wife, Sue, live in Louisville. They have one son, Anthony Stanford. Anthony, 34, has followed in his father's footsteps of being a teacher and a coach.

Prior to the banquet, inductees enjoyed a welcoming reception at the president's home. Athletics Director Andy Wood presented each inductee with a framed sports photo from his or her days as a Bulldog. Afterward, they enjoyed a performance by the Holmes Chorale and had a chance to view a student art gallery and mingle with Holmes' mascots, Bully and Major. The inductees have not only achieved athletic success, but prosperity in their careers, as well. Most importantly, they have served as esteemed ambassadors for the college, and Holmes is grateful to each inductee for that.



Andy Wood & Richard Akins



Andy Wood & Robert Gates



Andy Wood & Sheila Hickman



Andy Wood & Greg Holloway



Andy Wood & Tony Stanford

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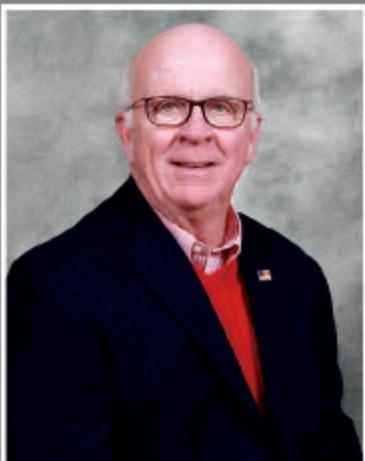


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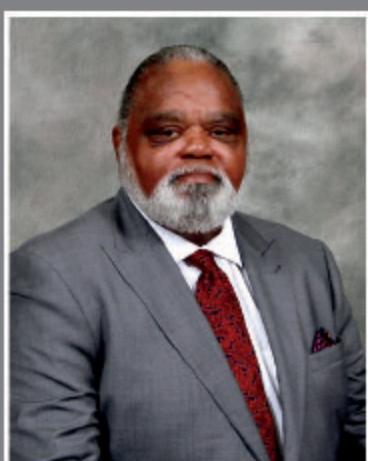
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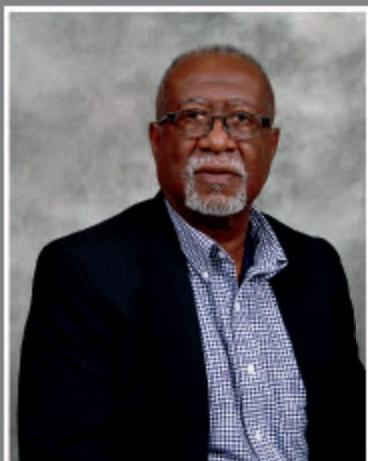
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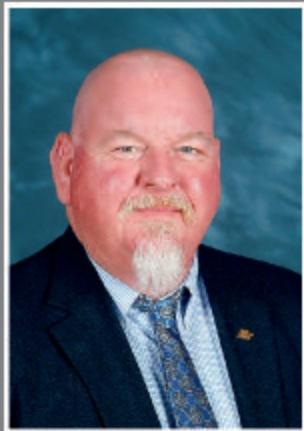
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Technology



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Instructor

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**Tess Crenshaw**

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**Brandy Culpepper**

Payroll Clerk



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Business Administration Instructor

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Spanish Instructor



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Recruiter & Student Activities Coordinator

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Career Technical Counselor



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Career Tech Administrative Assistant

**Royquita Dixon**

Library Assistant

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Receptionist & Administrative Assistant to the Vice President

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Concert Chorale Director

**Kerri Edwards**

Administrative Assistant  
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**Katherine Ellard**

Alumni Coordinator &  
Public Relations Specialist

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Surgical Technology Instructor

**Nathan Ewell**

Associate Degree Nursing Instructor

**Pamela Fells**

Academic Counselor

**Justin Ferguson**

Network Administrator

**Bill Fitts**

Industrial Maintenance Instructor

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Mortuary Science Director

**Tina Garrett**

Psychology Instructor

**Deandra Gibson**

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**Redgner Gross**

Housekeeping



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**J.R. Hall**

History, Philosophy &  
Religion Instructor

**Mary Haralson**

Financial Aid Advisor

**Shiquita Haralson-Rand**

Administrative Assistant  
for ADN Program



**Dr. Theresa Hargett**  
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Nursing Program Director

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Police Sergeant

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Emergency Medical Sciences  
Instructor

**Nathan Hutchinson**

Welding and Cutting Instructor

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Mortuary Science & Psychology  
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Associate Degree Nursing Instructor

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**Dr. Andrew Kelly**

English Instructor



**Alan Kinsey**

Instructional Design Specialist

**Patrick Lampkin**

Police

**Amy Land**

English & Educational Programs  
Instructor

**Jessica Lepard**

Coordinator - Transfer Articulation



# FACULTY & STAFF



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**Wesley Lepard**

Help Desk Technician

**Jessica Leverette**

Library Technical Assistant

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Practical Nursing Instructor



**Gwen Lordeon**

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Security

**Marshall McCain**

Maintenance Engineer



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Associate Degree Nursing Instructor

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TREK Coordinator

# FACULTY & STAFF

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**D. Cade Montague**

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Instructor

**Pam Moore**

English Instructor

**Rachelle Moore**

Assistant Librarian



**Katrina B. Myricks**

Business Technology Instructor

**Joshua Neagle**

Information Technology Specialist

**Dana Nichols**

Accounts Payable Coordinator

**Jesse Nichols**

Information Technology Specialist



**Frances Nix**

Sociology Instructor

**Nancy Parkerson**

eLearning Coordinator

**Michael Pawlik**

Information Systems Technology  
Instructor

**Virginia Pearson**

Associate Degree Nursing Instructor



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Police Officer

**Willie Roby**

Police Officer



**Heather Rozier**

Practical Nursing Instructor

**Jamie Sample**

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**Kim Sandifer**

Associate Degree Nursing Instructor

**Tanya Smart**

Adult Education Assessment

Coordinator



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Recruiter

**Yoshika Stingley**

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**Keshia Williams**

Supervisor/Operations - Fitness Center

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Biological Sciences Instructor

**Jay Wilson**

History Instructor



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Art Instructor

**Kassidy Winstead**

Administrative Assistant  
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**Cherrie Winter**

Associate Degree Nursing Instructor

**Stephanie Wood**

District Graphic Designer



**Chelia Woodfork-Thompson**

Career Pathway Transitions Specialist

**S. Taylor Yarbrough**

eLearning Systems Administrator



(left to right) Linda Alexander-Jones, Katrena Harris and Tess Crenshaw tabulate the scores for Beauty Review 2020.



(left to right) Advisors Cynthia Abel and Bethany Miller stop for a photo at Phi Theta Kappa's Regional Conference at Ole Miss.

# opening convocation 2019

On Monday, Aug. 12, Holmes Community College celebrated the upcoming school year with an Opening Convocation on the Goodman Campus. This year's theme was "Back to the Future," giving employees an opportunity to rock their 80's garb if they felt inclined. In addition to the employee mix and mingle, a recognition of new employees, a welcome message by President Dr. Jim Haffey and breakout sessions by department, the institution also recognized those who have reached milestones for their years of service to Holmes.



Pictured are some of the Holmes cheerleaders who assisted with Opening Convocation 2019. They are (*seated, left to right*) Mallory Mackenzie, Sarah Elizabeth Hardy, Mauri-Beth Colvin, Abby Holmes, (*standing, left to right*) Parker Jones, Spencer Burden and Logan Neal.



Faculty and staff give Terrell Hammett a standing ovation as she is recognized for 30 years of service to the college.

Automotive Technology Instructor Derrick Rainey welcomes everyone to Opening Convocation 2019 before opening in prayer.



Pictured is the 2019-20 eLearning staff. eLearning celebrated 20 years this school year. They are (*seated, left to right*) Cassidy Winstead, Chanda Sykes, Nancy Parkerson, Jacqueline Bell, Cheri Bergeron, (*standing, left to right*) Alan Kinsey, Heather Guest, Tish Stewart and Taylor Yarbrough.



Director of Marketing Bronwyn Martin and Graphic Designer Stephanie Wood show off their best 80's look in honor of the Back to the Future themed Opening Convocation.



(*left to right*) Information Systems Technology Instructor Michael Pawlik and Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey (AKA Dr. Emmett Brown and Marty McFly) stop for a photo in front of the delorean during the Back to the Future themed Opening Convocation.



# Service Recognition 2019



Pictured are the five-year service award recipients. They are (*front row, left to right*) Christie Adams, Shari Box, Miranda Burns, Arletha Coffey, Shea Coleman, Debbie Collins, Kristin Daniels, Kerri Edwards, Susan G. Anderson, Tina Garrett, Sandra Hultz, Meg King, (*back row, left to right*) James Floyd, Raymond Gross, James Hodges, Jason Kelly, Suzanne Lawshe, LaShonda Levy, Mary Margaret Busby, Patrick Sample, Elizabeth Shelby, Jennifer Smith, Lisa Wilbourn and Heather Wood. *Not pictured:* Dr. Troy Milliken and Judy Tucker.

Pictured are the 10-year service award recipients. They are (*front row, left to right*) Dr. Theresa Hargett, Dr. Luke Jones, Patty Jones, Jessica Lepard, Cheryl Smith, Shieneith White, (*back row, left to right*) Mitch Costilow, Josh Neagle, Pam Moore and Greg Wilson.



Pictured are the 15-year service award recipients. They are (*front row, left to right*) Brenda Melton, Caroline Barton, Laura Bigbee, Lynn Boykin, Dr. Stephanie Diffey, Addie Lusk, Joe Washington, (*back row, left to right*) Yancy Brewer, Jeffrey Brown, Justin Ferguson, J.R. Hall, Eric Kimbrough and Joey Netherland, Jr.



Pictured are the 20-year service award recipients. They are (*front row, left to right*) Pamela Fells, Rosalyne Davis, Roxanne Harrison, (*back row, left to right*) Joe McDaniel and Tony McDaniel.

Pictured is Terrell Hammett, who is a payroll analyst on the Goodman Campus, and the only employee recognized for 30 years of service with the college.



# '19 Foundation



1. (far left) Jack Davis celebrates a good shot with Dr. Luke Jones and Bryan DeWeese

2. Members of the winning team, Mitchell Metal Products, included: (*left to right*) Brad Love, Trent Adams, Charly Williamson and Austin Taylor.

3. Dr. Larry Webster gives it his best shot during the tournament.

4. The Second Flight Winner, Team Premier Medical Group, stops for a photo. They are Wes Carter, Brady Richardson, Greg Browning and Robbie Hedgepath.

5. The Third Flight Winner, Team Premier JH&H Architects, stops for a photo. They are (*left to right*) Chris Bryan, Niles Bryan, Jeff McGee and Steven Blaylock.

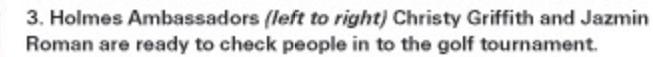
# golf tournament



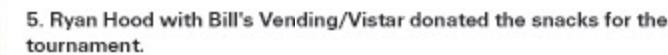
1. One of the teams sponsored by Holmes Football stops for a photo. The team includes: *(left to right)* Brad Bustle, Don Yanowsky, Jeff Koonz and Jack Burrell.



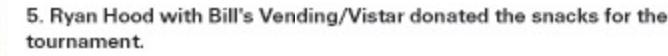
2. *(left to right)* Morgan Bondurant, Stephanie Wood, Mary Margaret Busby, Melissa Love and Bronwyn Martin stop for a photo on the course.



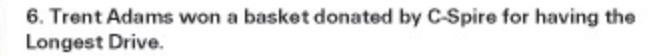
3. Holmes Ambassadors *(left to right)* Christy Griffith and Jazmin Roman are ready to check people in to the golf tournament.



4. *(left to right)* Dr. Amy Whittington, Allison DeWeese, Heather Mooney and Reagan Dilmore stop for a photo post-tournament.



5. Ryan Hood with Bill's Vending/Vistar donated the snacks for the tournament.



6. Trent Adams won a basket donated by C-Spire for having the Longest Drive.



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The Holmes Community College Development Foundation, Inc. Golf Classic was held on Wednesday, May 8, at Deerfield Golf Club in Madison. All proceeds from the tournament went to the Holmes Foundation, which further supports the college by providing scholarships, instructional equipment, library resources, faculty development opportunities and other activities that enhance the instructional programs of the college.



# STUDENTS



Whether they are academic, career-technical, workforce or adult ed students...traditional or non-traditional...from the district area or out of state...all Holmes students have come to the college to better themselves and grow into who they were meant to be!



# STUDENTS

# Freshmen

**Adeline Aguliar  
Alyssa Allen  
Ivyon Anderson  
Zia Anderson  
Nicole Arellano**



**Adam Aultman  
Kateria Badon  
Trevaughn Bailey  
Vidyarth Balasubramaniam  
James Jr. Bankhead**



**Anthony Banks  
Tammy Bates  
Willard Baughn  
John Bayne  
Luke Beatty**



**Makayla Berry  
Victoria Berry  
Anna Claire Blaylock  
Zaniyah Bogan  
Javier Booker**



**Takiyah Booker  
Kadie Bowman  
Justin Bradford  
Chester Bradshaw  
Brianna Branch**



# Freshmen



Raiunna Brantley  
Mariana Bridges  
J'marcus Brooks  
Megan Brown  
Matthew Burnham



Autumn Burroughs  
Noah Burton  
Lakedrah Caffey  
Duke Cameren  
Victor Carr



Tyverra Chambers  
Olivia Chandler  
Reed Charles  
Connor Childs  
Alisha Clark



James Clark  
Kiera Clay  
Sarabeth Cleveland  
Ciara Collins  
Sha'anna Cooper



Kacey Covington  
Benjamin Crout  
Miriam Crump  
Kathryn Daves  
Chloe Davis

# Freshmen

**Madison Davis  
Tyler Davis  
William Davis  
Jaylen Dennis  
Clyde Dixon**



**Shauntissa Dixon  
Adreyunna Edwards  
Aeriel Edwards  
Aryanna Edwards  
Jackson Ellis**



**Autumn Evans  
Dexter Faley  
Mary Lynn Ferguson  
Alyssa Fillingane  
Mathew Fillmore**



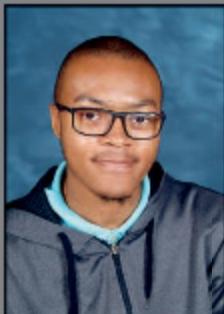
**Labresha Funchess  
Caleb Gadow  
Shania Gardiner  
Christopher Gill  
Selena Gilmore**



**Maya Gipson  
Camillia Goodloe  
Donald Gray  
Shawanda Gray  
Anna Lauren Green**



# Freshmen



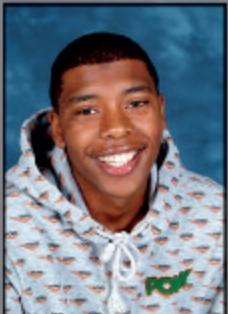
**Casey Griffin  
Mollie Hall  
Ashlee Hankins  
Lee Harmon  
Selena Harper**



**Zykeria Harper  
Maci Harris  
Wesley Harris  
Leslie Hawkins  
Evelyn Henderson**



**Sharon Henderson  
Tabria Henderson  
Alexus Henson  
Adrianna Herring  
Sydney Hightower**



**Tony Hilt  
Cody Hilton  
Brantley Holder  
Laken Holdiness  
Kendria Hopson**



**Keiarra Huffman  
Danielle Hunt  
Zachary Hunt  
Ainslee Hunter  
Sarah Elizabeth Ingram**

# Freshmen

**Natifah Jicard  
Abigail Johnson  
Jerra Johnson  
Nicky Johnson  
Darion Jones**



**Hanna Jones  
India Jones  
Triniyah Jones  
Trinity Jones  
Angel Kendall**



**Markaiza Keys  
George Kotev  
Cambreia Lampkin  
Hannah Olivia Lane  
Eli Launius**



**Marcus Lee  
Hull Lewis  
Heather Lindsey  
Justin Love  
Robyn Lundy**



**Ashton Lyles  
Austin Mabry  
Porter Magandy  
Matthew Mann  
Jordyn Manning**



# Freshmen



**Cade Marlow  
Colby Marlow  
Leah Martin  
Victoria Martin  
Jamie Mason**



**Kathryn Mason  
Tykerria McClain  
Lakeshia McCord  
Christian McCullough  
Keely McGinty**



**Iram McPeak  
Christy Mills  
Sarah Mims  
Meredith Moore  
Lori Morse**



**Hunter Mullen  
Gloria Musenga  
Georian Myrick  
Reem Nadish  
Dara Neagle**



**Livie Neely  
Tamara Nelson  
Michelle Nicholson  
Octavia Norman  
Kennedy Norwood**

# Freshmen

Cody Odom  
Gabriella Padilla  
Walker Palmerton  
Tyra Parks  
D'Kedreck Partlow



Hayden Patrick  
Caitlyn Peden  
Jennifer Phillips  
Keorra Phillips  
Mercedes Phillips



Travis Pizarro  
Curtis Pope  
William Talor Pounds  
Trevonia Powell  
Jordan Pritchard



Ricky Purvis  
Gabe Rainey  
Kirsten Ramage  
Rickeyea Ratliff  
Jamaya Redd



Tanaya Redd  
Adriana Reed  
Courtney Reynolds  
Alexis Rodgers  
Jermyia Rogers



# Freshmen



**Daniel Savell  
Jacob Saxton  
Heather Scott  
Robert Scott  
Harrison Seeley**



**Peyton Shirley  
Zach Showers  
Henry Shurlds  
Colston Simmons  
John Sims**



**Kyron Sims  
Deja Sloan  
Ma'kaylah Small  
Jalaceia Smith  
Lakesia Smith**



**James Sowell  
Fallon Stephens  
Victoria Still  
Sudiemarie Strickland  
Ryan Sullivan**



**Caitlyn Sweeney  
Lessie Taylor  
Ky'esha Thomas  
Nathan Thompson  
Brianna Townsend**

# Freshmen

**Queen Trigg  
Michael Trull  
Riley Tucker  
Cassidy Turbville  
Gabrielle Turner**



**Kaelin Turner  
Emily Valdes  
Prashaunda West  
Kourtney White  
Shronda Wilder**



**Katie Wilkerson  
Gabrielle Williams  
Macy Williams  
Morgan Williams  
Jasmine Williamson**



**Ayliahna Wilson  
Kylee Wilson  
Naomi Wise  
Holley Yates**



# Freshmen



Pictured are some Holmes Grenada students hanging out with Major. They are (*left to right*) Ashlee Hankins, Olivia Lane, Cameren Duke, Cislee Trost, Braden Migliore and Steven Mann.

Nancy Duarte-Sanchez, a freshman on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus, lights her candle during the Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony.



Pictured are (*left to right*) Practical Nursing students AnnaBeth Bowman, Brittany Little, Rita Chance, Carmen Harper and Christina Rushing presenting on the South's culture, food and health issues for their Culture Fest event.

# SOPHOMORES

Faith Alexander  
Boyd Allen  
Princess Allen  
Breanna Anderson  
Kaithlyn Anderson  
Jennifer Baker



Quinesha Baker  
Denetris Barner  
Lakesha Barnes  
Kempseyann Barnett  
Austin Beach  
Johna Beavers



Kalee Beck  
Kalajah Bell  
Paisley Bell  
Kelly Bennett  
Taffi Bennett  
Laura Bevis



Chasity Birdow  
Ashley Blakely  
Abby Boswell  
Marvell Bradford  
Raishaunda Brantley  
Javanarius Brewer



Tommy Bridges  
John Britt  
Jamel Brooks  
Cortez Brown  
Lacy Brown  
Tristan Brown



# Sophomores



Spencer Burden  
Mary Clayton Burrell  
Maria Byrd  
Roshell Campbell  
Sherica Campbell  
Pedro Cancio



James Carpenter  
Tykaren Carr  
Jennifer Chaille  
Holly Chandler  
Kim Chapman  
Miriam Cisneros



Sterling Clark  
Teresa Collum  
Lauri Elizabeth Colvin  
Miesha Conley  
Jones Connor  
Cordarius Cork



Ariel Crawford  
Ashtin Crawford  
Hazel Curtis  
Taylor Daniels  
Dendy Davenport  
Kellie Danielle Davis



Tylesha Davis  
Bridget Dempsey  
Aryn Denley  
Demarrio Dent  
Ivey Devine  
Chy Dossett

# SOPHOMORES

Earonnie Echols  
Brandon Edwards  
Jordan Eldridge  
De'Monica Emerson  
Destiny Erving  
Mary Fike



Sarah Grace Flatt  
Vera Freeman  
Makenzie Frith  
Shaquira Gayden  
Danielle Gibson  
Jessica Gonsalez



Lauren Goss  
Britt Grace  
Raven Gurley  
Hunter Haggerty  
Jake Ham  
Keondra Hamilton



Payton Hanson  
Sarah Elizabeth Hardy  
Spencer Harkins  
Daniel Harris  
Josie Harris  
Michael Harris



Nyeshia Harvey  
Lundy Hawthorne  
Tyshika Hawthorne  
Trinity Hayes  
Rhonda Head  
Daniel Hits



# Sophomores



Alexa Hodges  
Rainer Hodges  
Francesca Holliday  
Abby Holmes  
Jimeiah Horton  
Reginae Houston



Sondya Hudson  
Mallory Huffman  
London Hunt  
Samantha Hunt-Bevis  
Anna Hutchinson  
Cassie Ingram



Shaquilla Isom  
Chris Jackson  
Swayze Johnson  
Trey Johnson  
Darlene Jolly  
Andrea Jones



Gabrielle Jones  
Princess Jones  
Marley Kelley  
Johnny Kelly  
Alyssa King  
Kendall King



Shanna King  
Lindsey Kirkland  
George Kotev  
Luke Langford  
Tracy Leachman  
Tiara Leflore

# SOPHOMORES

Brandy Lipsey  
Hannah Livingston  
Lauren Lott  
Jassmine Love  
Alana Lowery  
Kristen Lutts



April Lyons  
Gracie MacGown  
Adrian Martin  
Madysen Martin  
William Martin  
Brysa Maxwell



Kiera McCain  
Ambra McCaskill  
Tatyana McCullough  
Adam McDonal  
Tia McDonald  
Yulanda McKennie



Santana McKimey  
Lindsey McLellan  
Bailey McRae  
Steven Middleton  
Corey Mills  
Emily Mitchell



Wilsonya Mitchell  
Brittany Moore  
Steven Morgan, Jr.  
Megan Morris  
Zakila Moore  
Celeste Morrow



# Sophomores



Kaitlyn Muirhead  
Johnny Murtagh  
Paula Nail  
Jacob Nance  
Logan Neal  
Kerri Neely



Cassandra Newman  
Paris Nichols  
Breanna Nobles  
Jeri Noel  
Shanice Oliver  
Tatyana Oliver



Lorena Orduna  
Brandi Palmer  
Jacariah Parker  
Jesica Parker  
Erika Patrick  
Laura Patterson



Elizabeth Pearson  
Felesia Peccti  
Troy Peeler  
Pakaela Peppers  
Christian Pickens  
Taquita Pittman



Lisa Potts  
Kendall Preston  
Layla Pritchard  
Kayla Ramage  
McKenzie Rankin  
Hannah Reeves

# SOPHOMORES

John Regan  
Landon Rhodes  
Takila Robinson  
Teresa Robinson  
Katie Rodgers  
Shammah Ross



Samantha Rowsey  
Bruce Ruschewski  
Kamdyn Rutherford  
Billy Glen Salley  
Aurora Sant'Angelo  
Angel Sawyer



Kaley Saxton  
Lily Kate Saxton  
Ambriah Seay  
Ashli Shaw  
Jh'Marra Shaw  
Taylor Shivel



Reid Shuffield  
Alex Sizemore  
Cassidy Sizemore  
Barbara A. Smith  
Carter Smith  
John Sosebee



Shelby Starnes  
Tayler Starnes  
Holly Steed  
Addison Stevens  
Juantaya Stewart  
Letessia Stewart



# SOPHOMORES



Hannah Streater  
Joseph Stroud  
Braiden Suggs  
Nikita Sutton  
D'Ariel Sykes  
Olivia Taylor



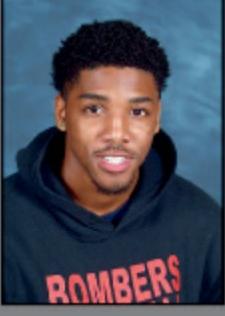
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Evan Tharpe  
Markie Thomas  
Rejohn Toten  
Ambria Townsend  
Lindsey Twiner



Brandon Vaughan  
Hannah Vaughan  
Marquita Walton  
Natalie Watkins  
Freddie Watt  
Kelia Weatherby



Darius Weatherspoon  
Caleb Welch  
Gabriel Welch  
Rhyan Welch  
Chip Wells  
Amee West



Melissa West  
Destinee White  
Mario White  
Zach Wiggins  
Nathan Wildhaber  
Arma Rosa Wilks

# SOPHOMORES

Markesha Wilks  
Chelsea Willhite  
Andre Williams  
Jadyn Williams  
Lemar Williams  
Lora Williams



Roneshia Williams  
Ziyania Williams  
Mon'nae Willis  
Shantionna Wilson  
Joseph Wiltshire  
Jordon Windham



De'Nyia Woods  
Summer Woods  
Molly Cate Wrenn  
Paige Wynne  
Alex Yates  
Bryanna Young



(center) Ridgeland Campus Vice President Dr. Don Burnham and some of Holmes' students pose for a photo with the Best of Mississippi plaque after being named no. 2 in the Best Two-Year College category.

# Sophomores



(left to right) Ridgeland students Wesley Jacobs, Xeric Watson and Colby Mozee stop for a photo prior to escorting their Homecoming Maids out at halftime.



Paul Ray McGraw grills up some burgers on campus on a beautiful fall day in Goodman.



(left to right) Mary Grace Kelley, Bailey Stanton, Mckenna Hodges and India Jones show off their Bulldog pride at Homecoming 2020.



(far left) Grenada Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Cynthia Abel and (far right) Advisor Bethany Miller have a fun photo shoot with their officers (left to right) Ivey Devine, Kalee Beck and Zach Wiggins at Phi Theta Kappa Regionals at Ole Miss.

# DEDICATIONS



Once a Holmes Bulldog, always a Holmes Bulldog. Whether employees leave Holmes because they are retiring or because their time here on Earth is done, they will always have a special place in our hearts and their memory will forever be imprinted on our lives. There really is "No Place like Holmes."



# DEDICATIONS

# Retirements



**Diane Harman** retired from Holmes Community College after 18 years of loyal service. She faithfully served as the administrative assistant for institutional research and student affairs on the Goodman Campus up until her retirement in the fall of 2019. Just a few short months after her retirement, Harman passed away on March 19, 2020. In her role, she dedicated her time to numerous activities relating to grant development and institutional effectiveness, including planning and evaluation, instructional research and compliance with accrediting agencies. Working closely with employees across all disciplines, she was a supportive voice that everyone looked forward to hearing. Harman played a huge role in the Development Foundation, helping identify students who met scholarship criteria and handling mini grants, among other duties. Outside of Holmes, she was an active member of Sallis Baptist Church who loved to cook and paint. Harman leaves behind her husband, Henry Harman, Jr.; her sons, Ben (Julie) Harman and Jody (Zora) Harman; her daughter, Lori (Joel) Hill and nine grandchildren.

**janet mullenix** retired from Holmes Community College after 28 years of loyal service. She served as a librarian tech assistant on the Ridgeland Campus.



**David Malone** retired from Holmes Community College after 20 years of loyal service. He served as a maintenance engineer on the Goodman Campus.

**Dr. gail muse beggs** retired from Holmes Community College after 15 years of loyal service. She served as financial aid director on the Goodman Campus.



**Coach Jeff Koonz** retired from Holmes Community College after 15 years of loyal service. He served as head football coach on the Goodman Campus.



**Patti Koonz** retired from Holmes Community College after 15 years of loyal service. She served as administrative assistant for the vice president of career-technical education on the Goodman Campus.

**Barbara Puryear, RN, MS, CCM, CLCP** retired from Holmes Community College after 13 years of loyal service. She served as an Associate Degree Nursing instructor on the Ridgeland Campus.



**Kim Sandifer, RN, MSN,** retired from Holmes Community College after 9 years of loyal service. She served as an Associate Degree Nursing instructor on the Ridgeland Campus.

**Eddie Pearce** retired from Holmes Community College after eight years of loyal service. He served as a security officer on the Goodman Campus.



# Dedication Kenny Dupont



Coach Kenny Dupont joined the Holmes Diamond Dogs Coaching Staff in '96 as an assistant coach in charge of the pitchers, hitters and recruiting. During that season, the Dogs earned their first playoff trip to the NJCAA Region 23 Championship Tournament.

During Dupont's four seasons as assistant coach, the Dogs had winning seasons and earned two trips to the NJCAA Region 23 Championship Tournament. After leaving HCC, 20 of those players went on to play for universities and two were drafted into the Major League Draft. Since Dupont became head coach in 2000, the Dogs have had 17 straight winning seasons with seven trips to the NJCAA Region 23 Championship Tournament, and seven trips to the MACJC State Championship Tournament. At the close of the 2001 season, the Dogs were ranked 20th in the NJCAA national baseball poll with an overall record of 34-11. The Dogs finished the 2002 season ranked 18th with a 34-15 record. During this time, the Bulldog baseball program has had 133 players go on to play at universities and 27 who have been drafted or signed to play professional baseball.

The 2009 Bulldogs finished runner-up in both the MACJC State Championship and the NJCAA Region XXIII Championship Tournament. The Bulldogs won the MACJC North Division Championship in 2011. They also finished third in the MACJC State Championship Tournament and third in the NJCAA Region XXIII Championship Tournament. Dupont coached the most famous Dirtbag of all-time, Roy Oswalt, from 1996-1997. Oswalt was drafted out of Holmes by the Houston Astros. He is a MLB All-Star, MVP of the MLB Playoffs, pitched in the World Series and a future Hall of Famer.

Prior to Holmes, Dupont served as an assistant baseball coach at George C. Wallace Junior College under the legendary Coach Sammy Frichter. Then he served as assistant baseball coach at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana. Dupont was a scout for the Baltimore Orioles conducting tryout camps from 1992-2010 under Scouting Supervisor Mike Tullier.

Under Dupont's direction, the HCC Baseball Program has won 557 games since the 2000 season. Dupont is a member of the Mississippi Coaches Association, American Baseball Coaches Association and the Crossroads Diamond Club and MLB-RBI, reviving baseball in the inner cities. His overall record at Holmes is 557-268. Under Dupont, the Bulldogs have competed in the MACJC State Tournament during the 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2014 seasons and in the Region XXIII Tournament from 2000-2005 and 2009 and 2011.

"Out of the 25 years Coach Dupont has been at Holmes I have gotten the pleasure to work with him 24 of those years," said Coordinator of Athletic Programs Susie Jackson. "He's turned countless baseball players into young men. He not only coached them baseball; he was a mentor to them. He taught them to respect themselves and others and to work hard to reach their goals. A lot of his former players live and coach by the same rules he installed in them when they played. Dirtbag4Life!"

Dupont has two sons, Brister (Claire) and Dixon. Brister and Claire have one daughter, Elliot, who is the apple of her grandfather's eye.



# Dedication

# Katrina B. Myricks

Durant native Katrina B. Myricks attended Holmes Community College on a basketball scholarship before going on to earn her bachelor's in business administration from Delta State University and her master's from Mississippi State University. She has also completed additional graduate studies at MSU and Jackson State University. Her journey into becoming an educator began when she worked for Mississippi Power & Light company and was involved with their Stay-In-School program.

She is retiring from Holmes after 28 years as a business and office technology instructor and Phi Beta Lambda business society advisor on the Ridgeland Campus. During her time at Holmes, she has made quite an impact on her students and colleagues. In 2006, she was named Community College Business Educator of the Year by the Mississippi Business Education Association; in 2013 she was one of the Mississippi Business Journal's 50 Leading Business Women and in 2014, she was named one of the "Coolest People" by Mississippi Business Journal. Myricks was also named Best Teacher in the 2015 Clarion Ledger Best of the Best contest.

Even years before these recognitions, she was no stranger to the spotlight. In 1992, she was crowned the first African-American Mrs. Mississippi USA and went on to place as a finalist in the Mrs. USA International Pageant. Over the past few years, she has remained in the spotlight, serving as a beacon of hope to others as she shares her story of surviving breast cancer over the past six and a half years. Myricks has appeared on news shows, magazine covers and various other publications, sharing her story as a way to educate and encourage others. Her heart for educating and encouraging others is always apparent to her students and co-workers, as well.

"Over the years, she has been my mentor, department chair, colleague, but most of all my friend," said Business Technology District Department Chair NaTunya Johnson. "In my eyes, we've had an ideal working relationship with absolutely NO misunderstandings – EVER! I attribute that to us both subconsciously delineating and amplifying each other's strengths and weaknesses while keeping the enrichment of our students, goals of the BOT department and mission of Holmes in the forefront. Through my admiration of her wisdom and values, I have learned so much from her. In the workplace, she is truly the 'Yin to my Yang' and I will miss her dearly."

Myricks and her husband, Ken, have one daughter, Kaitlin. She is a senior at Germantown High School. They reside in Madison and are active members of New Hope Baptist Church.



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